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Trustees announce Eugene M. Tobin Distinguished Professorship

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

The trustees of Hamilton College have announced the establishment of the Eugene M. Tobin Distinguished Professorship in honor of the College's president. The new endowed professorship is already Hamilton's largest endowed chair, with gifts and pledges already totaling $2 million.

Said Board of Trustees Chairman Stuart L. Scott at a gala celebration held April 2 at the Metropolitan Club of New York City, "an endowed professorship at a college or university is an extraordinary honor for the person holding the chair and for the person for whom the chair is named."

Scott added that, in the case of the Tobin Professorship, the income earned from the endowment will be used to support the chairholder's salary, benefits, and research, and also collaborative activities with students.

Additionally, Scott announced that, at the direction of the donors, the Presidential Fund for Faculty Innovation will be renamed the Tobin Fund for Faculty Innovation. Furthermore, a number of Tobin's family members have established the Eugene M. Tobin Scholarship Fund to support some students with financial need who have an interest in history, and who demonstrate leadership and problem-solving abilities.

At the announcement, Scott said, "The progress Hamilton has made in the past 10 years is nothing short of

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PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03
Asian Week included a discussion on the mail-order bride industry in the Phillipines.

ACS offers week of cultural events

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

The Asian Cultural Society (ACS) sponsored Asian Week from April 4 through April 10 to raise awareness around campus about Asian Culture.

ACS organized multiple public events designed to help students from all backgrounds learn to understand and appreciate different social, political and cultural aspects of Asian culture both internationally and in the United States.

"This is our biggest event of the year. We based it on a national week," said Jubin Kwon '05, an ACS co-chair. "The whole point is to put our name out there and let the campus know that Asian students exist here."

Kwon said they carefully picked the events that were going to be held. "We wanted to offer a lot of choices on what you can do to appeal to different interests," he said. The kick-off to the week was last Friday's Zen Party in the Little Pub, which was also sponsored by the Black Student Union. ACS and BSU invited New York City's DJ Cutz to spin hip-hop and dance hits. Kwon was happy with how the event turned out. "It was great - a lot of people showed up."

Saturday was spent in Milbank learning to make different Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese rolls. An International Dinner, co-sponsored by the International Student Organization, The French Club, and ACS was held that evening in Azel Backus, using the food that students learned how to make earlier in the day as well as the food the French Club made during their cooking lessons. "We got over 100 people to attend - it was a really good turnout," said Lori Ho '03, an ACS co-chair. "We were hoping for 80 and we had extra people coming in through the backdoors and sitting on the floor."

On Sunday, ACS sponsored a workshop on Militarization and Women, which was put on by a Hamilton Alum and the GABRIELA Network, a national, volunteer-based women's advocacy organization that works with a similar organization in the Philippines. The workshop focused on the Philippines and the current war on terrorism. Discussion also centered on what actions students can take. The event was also co-sponsored by The Kirkland Endowment and The Womyn's Center.

A Hamilton alumus presented a video and led a panel discussion on the Mail Order Bride Industry, focusing on the connections between sex trafficking in the Philippines and the current war with terrorism.

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Students silence discrimination

Students, faculty participate in National Day of Silence

by Bill Chenevert '05
NEWS EDITOR

Hamilton students took part in a nation-wide campaign for the national Day of Silence on

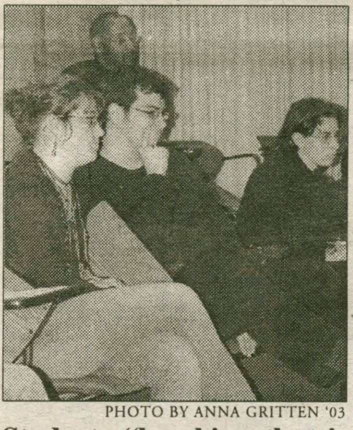

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03
Students "breaking the silence" on Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 9. Jason Haas, the Executive Director of the LesBiGay Empowerment & Action Project (LEAP), helped organize Hamilton's participation in observing the National Day of Silence. Silence was used on over a thousand college and high school campuses to protest anti-lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) discrimination and abuse.

The first Day of Silence observation took place in 1996 on the campus of the University of Virginia. Since 1996, "the Day of Silence Project has become the largest single student-led action towards creating safer schools for all, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression" (www.dayofsilence.org). Each year the Day of Silence Project has received more and more support and press coverage. Some of the publications that have covered the Day of Silence Project include *USA Today, MSNBC, CNN, Voice of America* and a live broadcast on *NPR*.

On Wednesday, participants were asked to wear a black top and carry a card that read: "Please understand my reasons for not speaking today. I am participating in the Day of Silence, a national youth movement protesting the silence faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies in schools. "My deliberate silence echoes that

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Haley returns from Oxford roundtable

by Kristy Hague '05
NEWS WRITER

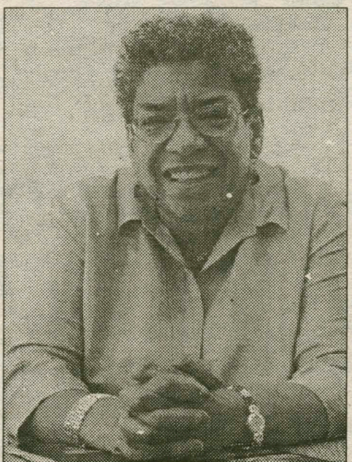
Professor of Classics Shelley Haley recently returned from a five-day roundtable discussion focusing on worldwide human rights. The conference was held at Oxford University and 32 other scholars and professionals participated in the discussion.

Once nominated by past participants of the Oxford Round Table, the co-directors of the conference chose Haley because of her extensive work on the topics of race and gender. Haley researches Black American women who received college degrees in the 19th century, combining her three academic endeavors: Classics, Africana Studies, and Women's Studies. The Oxford Roundtable served as a natural extension of Haley's studies of the political issues surrounding race and gender.

"The founder [of the round table] was an Oxford professor who felt that conferences never gave people a chance to have small group discussions, especially about sensitive topics like racism, sexism, homophobia and classism. So he created this format where a small group get together to discuss these issues," says Haley. The scholars involved in the roundtable come from many different nations. Ideally, the participants continue the roundtable conversations in their community and assist global change through their dialogue.

Participants spent their morning discussing the presented topics in a formal think-tank atmosphere in which all 32 participants shared their ideas. The conference encouraged informal conversation onthe issues by grouping the participants for tours and explorations across the English countryside.

Haley's role in the Roundtable was to facilitate discussion on two different paper topics through her response to each paper's argument. The first paper, "Discrimination in Workplace Benefits: Superannuation for Same Sex Couples," was pre-



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Professor Shelley Haley.

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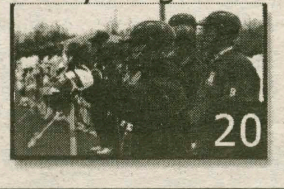

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Zeidler to teach in South Korea

Senior wins prestigious Fulbright Teaching Assistantship

by Kat McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Abigail Zeidler '03 has just been announced as the winner of one of 900 Fulbright Teaching Assistantships. Zeidler will travel to South Korea next year to teach English as a foreign language.

"I actually was supposed to find out through email in mid-February, so I had been checking the internet every other day," said Zeidler of winning the Assistantship. "I went away on Spring Break to Florida and constantly checked my email; I really thought things weren't looking good for me. When I got back to the Hill, though, I found out that the letter had been sitting in my mailbox for about a week. It was really surprising, really exciting."

The anthropology major is a certified English Spoken as a Second Language tutor, who tutors often at the Mohawk Valley Refugee Center in Utica.

Zeidler has a passion for teaching English as a Second Language. "I enjoy it because I get to share my own culture, as well as learn about other's," she said.

In pursuit of this love, Zeidler participated in New York University's 2001 program in Prague, Czech Republic. She had an internship teaching a Czech senator conversational English.

"It was really interesting," she said of the experience. "Another student and I met on a weekly basis with a Czech senator to practice conversational English. We taught him so many things about our culture

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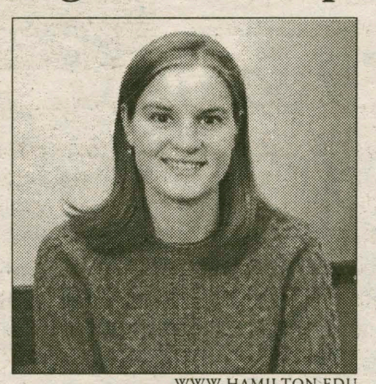

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Abigail Zeidler.

HPEP addresses nutrition, exercise

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

On Sunday, April 6th, HPEP (Hamilton Peers Educating Peers) sponsored a discussion panel on exercise and nutrition entitled "Healthy Choices?" Gil Whiting, a certified personal trainer, and Terry King, a registered dietitian who specializes in sports nutrition and counseling for eating disorders, were the panel's featured speakers.

On the subject of Sunday night's lecture Carla Fabrizi '04, the general secretary of HPEP, remarked "The lecture was successful. It was well-attended, and the audience seemed active and interested the entire time. Our goal was to provide the audience with a better understanding of the relationship between exercise and nutrition and address the less talked about topic of over-exercise," she added.

Fabrizi was also pleased with the guest speakers. "I feel that Terry and Gil did an excellent job connecting exercise and nutrition and applying it specifically to students' lives," she said. "By discussing dining hall issues and fitness center woes, they were able to really draw students in to the topic."

"Healthy Choices?" is not the first discussion panel that HPEP has sponsored on the Hill. Every fall, HPEP sponsors an eating disorders discussion panel. Additionally, HPEP annually sponsors the Safe Spring Break Campaign, a week-long promotion, in which group members set up a table in Beinecke to distribute condoms, sunscreen, frisbees, and cups while encouraging students to sign a pledge banner stating they will have a safe spring break. Currently, HPEP has been distributing table flyers to raise aware-

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Hamilton Peers Educating Peers.

WWII Sophomore Seminar class explores beaches of Normandy

by Kat Lexa '05
COPY EDITOR

What's the best away to entice a group of college students to take a particular sophomore seminar? Offer a trip to Europe for a week over spring break. The class was full long before half the sophomore class was able to make WebAdvisor work.

But the question remains, was the trip worth taking a class on "the History and Politics of World War II?"

The answer is, of course, absolutely. How many students on the Hill have the opportunity to really appreciate their class material by flying to the site of the action and spending a week getting to know the other students in the class? Twenty-three.

On March 15, the class flew out of JFK International Airport and landed in Paris the following morning. After a short tour of the city and some shut-eye, the class was loaded on a bus toward the French city of Caen. As the bus wound its way past the chateau used by Nazi Field Marshall Rommel, Pegasus Bridge, Caen Memorial Museum and a small church that was the site of Allied murders, the tour guide for the trip told stories of the early hours of D-Day. The class later had time to explore Caen.

The next two days consisted of a series of outings to famous battle scenes including Omaha, Utah and Juno Beaches. Additionally, they stopped at the American cemetery overlooking Omaha Beach, where Hamilton alumnus Waldron Mosher Polgreen '31 is buried.

The World War II tour through Bastogne, Belguim was an even more in-depth exploration of the battle scenes from the last months of fighting on the western front. The bus followed

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Professor Maurics Isserman with WWII Sophomore Seminar class in Normandy.

Author Bernstein addresses growth, benefits of capitalism

by Christopher G. Takacs '05
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Sponsored by the Objectivists and the Atheists, Agnostics and Freethinkers clubs, Andrew Bernstein, author, novelist and Professor of Philosophy at Pace University and the State University of New York at Purchase, lectured on "Global Capitalism: The Solution to World Oppression and Poverty" in the chapel on Wednesday, April 9.

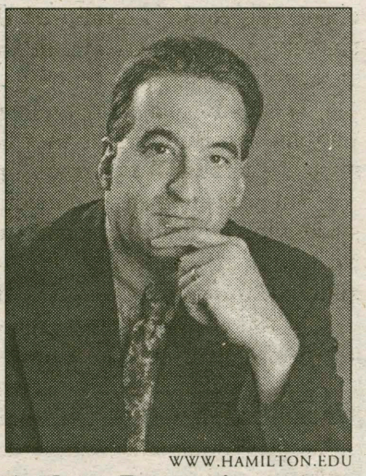
Explaining the conditions of pre-capitalist Europe as "worse than modern Africa," Bernstein delved deep into the history of the 19th century transition to industrial capitalism. Focusing not only on America but Western Europe and parts of Asia, Bernstein explained the stupendous technological achievements that he credits to laissez-faire markets and a free economy. Also detailing the lives of some of America's foremost inventors, Bernstein emphasized the "power of the mind and of reason" to change the world.

The recent author of his first novel, *Heart of a Pagan: The story of Swoop*, and the soon to be completed *Capitalist Manifesto*, Bernstein lectured about the "abysmal conditions of the pre-capitalist, pre-1860s era," and emphasized the colossal technological and inventive breakthroughs of the last half of the 19th century.

Earlier in the day, Bernstein gave a talk about his upcoming book, the *Capitalist Manifesto*, to a group of interested students, and led the following discussion and question and answer session during a dinner at the Philip Spencer house. Outlining the issues he addresses in his Manifesto, Bernstein defined "the essence of the capitalism [as] the system of individual and property rights."

He also explained how "the history of capitalism is not taught... [which is] a shame, maybe even a crime," and how there is a "pervasive Marxist mythology within the study of the late 19th century... [historians] have missed the essence of the age."

Bernstein hopes to have his book completed "by the end of the year."



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Andrew Bernstein.

College community mourns the loss of Marge Dandrige

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

The Hamilton community mourns the loss of Marge Dandrige, the long-time former secretary to the dean of students. As the result of a brief illness, Dandrige passed away on the morning of April 10.

Dandrige served 29 years on the Hill, firstly as secretary to the academic deans at Kirkland College and later at Hamilton as the secretary to the dean of students. Dandridge held this position from 1980 until she retired in May of 2002.

Upon her retirement, Dean of Students Flossie Mitchell described Dandridge as "the voice of calm and reason, the model of competency and compassion, and a strong anchor for the students whom she served.

According to President Tobin, "Marge was a woman of extraordinary warmth whose grace and heart put everyone at ease. She was the consummate executive secretary: efficient, discrete, extraordinarily able in her ability to manage crises and daily routines with equanimity, and always available for a kind word."

Tobin described Dandridge as "masterful" in centering conversation on her friends, coworkers and family, which included her late husband of 42 years, Bill.

Tobin added, "no daughter ever had a more loving mother or better role model for her children and grandchildren."

Dandridge is survived by her three daughters, Kimatha, Pam and Susan.

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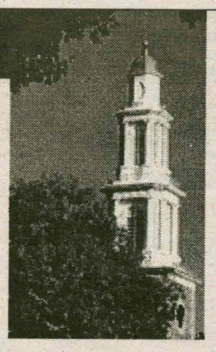

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Bill to Cut Foreign Student Assistance Advances in Florida

(U-WIRE) TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A bill that proposes to ban the state of Florida from giving any financial assistance — whether in the form of scholarships, fellowships, grants, loans, or tuition or fee waivers — to students who are citizens of six of the seven countries on the U.S. State Department's list of countries considered to be sponsors of terrorism, is now one step closer to becoming law.

The sponsor of the bill, state Rep. Dick Kravitz, R-Orange Park, said that he drafted the bill to reduce the threat of terrorism.

"I claim there is a nexus between the governments, the rulers, the regimes and the students," Kravitz said.

According to Kravitz, that nexus exists to take advantage of educational opportunity.

"Do you think the Iranian government would send a student here who is not thoroughly indoctrinated in their government, and who would not go back to work for [the Iranian government]?"

Kravitz asked the House Education K-20 Committee during their consideration of the bill on Monday.

It was a position that several other legislators agreed with. The bill, HB 31, passed the committee by a 12-11 margin. The committee vote follows a previous subcommittee vote where the bill passed unanimously.

Harvard Reverses Admissions Policy

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University is reverting to its old policy on early admissions, no longer allowing applicants to also apply early to other schools, the university announced Thursday.

The decision reverses a year-old policy of taking applications from high school seniors who had binding "early decision" applications elsewhere, as well as a 1999 policy that allowed prospective freshmen to submit nonbinding applications to other schools.

President Lawrence H. Summers said the decision, to take effect this fall, is "more closely aligned with the original intent of early admission programs, which are designed for students with a clear and well-considered interest in a particular college or university."

The school reverted to its original policy because the rising number of applications burdened interviewers and admissions officers, Harvard Dean of Admissions William R. Fitzsimmons said. The school received 7,600 fall applications last year, up sharply from roughly 6,000 annually in the previous three years.

"Our alumni did a heroic job last fall interviewing the 7,600 applicants," Fitzsimmons said, "but one could see in the near future that ... we would just not be able to get through it all."

Also, guidance counselors and students reported that the process of applying early was creating stress for students, Fitzsimmons said.

Palestinian Writer's Speech Draws Debate at U. Florida

(U-WIRE) GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Before a Palestinian-American journalist could address a crowd of about 90 people, a group of University of Florida students gathered outside the building to protest his speech.

Ramzy Baroud addressed the audience in the New Engineering Building auditorium as part of Divestment Awareness Week, sponsored by Nakba '48.

But protestors stood outside passing out a yellow sheet that included material taken from Baroud's work and a blue sheet with headlines and quoted material from various articles disputing his reports.

"I'm concerned because there's a growing amount of anti-Semitism on our campus — there's a growing amount of lies and hate speech," UF sophomore Samantha Orshan said. "This speaker has been known in the past to advance that hate. He's an advocate of violence, and we don't need that on our campus."

WORLD NEWS

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U.S., Kurds Take Oil-Rich City of Kirkuk

Opposition forces crumbled in northern Iraq on Thursday as U.S. and Kurdish troops seized oil-rich Kirkuk without a fight and held a second city within their grasp. U.S. commanders said signs pointed to a last stand by Iraqis in Saddam Hussein's birthplace of Tikrit.

Despite the gains, one Marine was killed and 22 injured in a seven-hour battle in the Iraqi capital. Four more were wounded in a suicide bombing. "Baghdad's still an ugly place," said Maj. Gen. Gene Renuart.

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Widespread looting persisted 24 hours after the city celebrated the regime's fall.

Increasingly, the U.S. military focus was away from the capital. Kurdish troops set off celebrations in Kirkuk when they moved in, and there were hopes that Iraqis would surrender in Mosul, another northern city, on Friday.

Nearly 100 miles to the north of Baghdad, U.S. commanders said Tikrit was the likely site of a last stand by Iraqi forces - if there is to be one. Iraqi defenders were believed to have moved there from other parts of the country. U.S. commandos were in the region, and warplanes were attacking.

U.S.-led fighters and bombers also hit Iraqi positions near the border with Syria, where special forces were trying to prevent regime loyalists from slipping out of Iraq and to keep foreign fighters from entering.

IMF, World Bank Pledge Aid to Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Leaders of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank pledged on Thursday to help provide billions of dollars to rebuild Iraq. But first, they plan to send fact-finding missions to uncover the mysteries of an economy that has been shrouded in secrecy for more than two decades.

A day after U.S.-led forces swept through Baghdad, the Bush administration moved quickly to demonstrate that the Iraqi people stand to gain substantial economic benefits from the toppling of Saddam Hussein's government.

Treasury Secretary John Snow said he would use the spring meetings of the 184-nation IMF, which specializes in helping crisis countries, and the World Bank, the largest source of development loans, to begin gathering the resources needed to rebuild Iraq.

Preliminary estimates of the cost of that effort have ranged from $20 billion per year for the first several years to as much as $600 billion over a decade.

Snow and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan will lead discussions on Friday among the finance officials from the world's seven richest industrial countries - the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada.

IRA Denies Blame for Peace Accord Impasse

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Dashing expectations of a breakthrough, Britain and Ireland withheld their new Northern Ireland peace plans Thursday after failing to get long-sought commitments from the Irish Republican Army, government aides said.

Sinn Fein party leader Gerry Adams, a reputed IRA chief, insisted the outlawed group was not responsible for the deadlock.

Thursday, the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-brokered Good Friday accord, was the two governments' target date for announcing the new plans.

The impasse, typical of the suspicion and recrimination that have dogged peacemaking efforts in this British territory for a decade, raised doubts about a planned May 29 election for the moribund Northern Ireland legislature. Britain already postponed the vote once.

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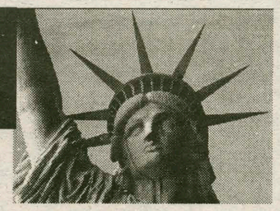

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Thousands Back Iraq War Near Ground Zero

NEW YORK (AP) — Thousands of construction workers and firefighters packed a noontime rally at ground zero Thursday in support of the war in Iraq which, to many of them, began right there on Sept. 11, 2001.

The rally stretched for several blocks north from the World Trade Center site. Carpenters, electricians and firefighters carried American flags and homemade signs and chanted "USA! USA!"

Police and organizers estimated the crowd at more than 15,000. The rally was sponsored by the Building & Construction Trades Council of Greater New York.

Many speakers and participants described the war as a natural outcome of the World Trade Center attack, drawing little distinction between the terrorist group al-Qaida and Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"The war started right here on Sept. 11, 2001," Gov. George Pataki said.

Fire Lt. Kenny O'Brien, whose Harlem firehouse lost two members in the attack, agreed. "This is the most appropriate spot in the world to make this statement," he said.

Congress Passes Amber Alert System

WASHINGTON (AP) — Targeting child kidnappers, molesters and pornographers, Congress overwhelmingly passed a package of child safety protections, including a national Amber Alert network.

The House passed the bill 400-25 hours before the Senate approved in on a 98-0 vote. The legislation now goes to President Bush, who is expected to sign it.

"The safety and well-being of our children is a shared priority for all Americans," Bush said in a statement. "We must use every available resource to find and safely return missing children to their families and their homes and we must use every available tool to vigorously prosecute and punish those who would do our children harm."

The Senate vote was interrupted by five protesters against the war in Iraq who chanted, "No money for war." Capitol police removed the protesters from the Senate gallery.

House and Senate Republicans put the bill on a fast track last month, looking to get something to the White House before leaving Friday for a two-week spring break.

House Judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin called the finished bill "the most important and far-reaching child protection legislation in the past 20 years."

Sensenbrenner and Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, shepherded the stronger criminal penalties through the House by attaching them to the popular Amber Alert kidnapping-notification legislation. That measure was sought by the family of Elizabeth Smart, who was recovered in March after being taken from her bedroom in Salt Lake City last year.

Ex-FBI Agent Faces Charges in Spy Case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If the FBI is right, one of its own agents carried on an affair with a prominent Republican activist who happened to be a Chinese double agent.

The affair allegedly gave the spy, nicknamed "Parlor Maid," access to classified documents while she wined and dined some of California's top politicians and businessmen.

"Basically you see her everywhere," said Paul Zee, a businessman and former mayor of South Pasadena who is active in the Chinese-American community.

Authorities say Katrina Leung, 49, was recruited to work for the FBI in the early 1980s and soon began an affair with her handler, former supervisory special agent James J. Smith, 59.

She would copy classified documents he left unattended when he came to debrief her at the posh home she shared with her husband and their son in wealthy San Marino, according to a prosecution affidavit.

HPEP to sponsor relaxation clinic

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ness ogissues and "give students something more to read other than the Bull" (the last flyer distributed concerned the dangers of smoking). HPEP is also sponsoring a forthcoming Relaxation Clinic. Fabrizi explained: "We are hoping to have someone from the counseling center and a dance professor lead a stress relief technique or massage clinic."

HPEP is funded by a grant through the Health Center. The group is tied to a national organization (Backus and Gamma) that certifies HPEP members as Peer Educators and provides the group with educational materials. Members go through a training process that includes about 6 hours of class time and a final test to become certified Peer Educators. The purpose of the group is to to educate the Hamilton community and raise awareness of mental and physical health issues by sponsoring programs, discussions, and distributing literature.

Fabrizi commented, "As an organization, our goal is to heighten awareness of these issues in hopes that individuals will seek the help they need once they recognize a problem or maintain their current healthy state."

Fabrizi also hopes that HPEP will bring some discussion of health related issues into the mainstream, so that "individuals feel more comfortable confronting these issues."

In addition to the upcoming Relaxation Workshop, HPEP meets every other week on Tuesdays in Benedict 105 at 7pm. The next meeting is April 15th.

Asian-style banquet concludes highly successful Asian Week

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The GABRIELA Network also presented a documentary about the mail order bride industry in Canada. "The lecture went really well," said Ho. "It was nice to talk in a smaller setting."

Hamilton Professor of Dance Bob Walcyzk also held a martial arts workshop in the Kirkland Loft on Wednesday, allowing students both new to and familiar with the study of martial arts an exploration into the beginning elements of several forms of martial arts. The week concluded with a celebration banquet on Thursday with an Asian style dinner and oral and visual presentations on Asian American experiences and issues.

"It's very easy for us as a small community in the middle of nowhere to shut out the outside world. We tried to raise awareness this week and give ourselves stepping stones to being a more well known organization - on par with other cultural organizations," said Kwon.

"Everything we did was to educate people, and hopefully people will come away having learned something," he added.

Ho concurred, expressing hope that the events will continue to be held every year.

Asian Week was also sponsored by the President's Office and Student Assembly.

Haley leads human rights discussion

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sions as applied to same sex couples. Since discrimination issues in Australia are not Haley's area of expertise, she was intimidated in leading a discussion among intellectuals. The second paper, "Rights Discourse in the Atlantic Community: An Exploratory Essay on Intellectual Linkages between United States Jurisprudence and Development of Human Rights Convention in Europe," dealt predominately with WEB du Bois's *The Souls of Black Folk*. Haley was more confident in her presentation of the way in which du Bois initiated human rights discussion and successfully led exploration of each of the topics.

Each participant inthe Oxford Roundtable is expected to encourage human rights conversations at their institutions in order to increase awareness of these issues and facilitate change. Haley points out that this roundtable is not a conference in the usual sense of the word. "The goal was to bring together scholars and professionals to dialogue about pressing social issues...it was a sowing of seeds of peace and social justice with the chief aim being the elimination of oppression," says Haley of the unique nature of this roundtable.

Haley is still thinking of ways to bring her experience to the Hamilton community and is considering bringing a mini-roundtable to the campus in order to bring these issues to the forefront of the college community. Haley does not expect her time at the Roundtable to affect her teaching, but the conference did give her a new perspective on human rights issues of national consequence and Hamilton's diversity policy. From this Roundtable, Haley seeks to encourage positive change in the on campus diversity and advocate for change in United States human rights legislation.

Fulbright Teaching Assistantship helps senior pursue love of teaching

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that he had never even thought about. Also, we got to gain wonderful insight into the Czech government that was not open to many others."

For her Fulbright Teaching Assistantship, Zeigler will travel to South Korea. "I chose South Korea basically because I'm an anthropology major. I had been to both Europe and Australia before, but I had never been to Asia. The program sounded like a great idea. I'd really never thought about going to Asia before, and I realized that I was dying to see it. This seemed like the perfect opportunity."

The Fulbright Teaching Assistantship was designed to give recent college graduates international experience. According to www.hamilton.edu, the purpose of the program is to "increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills." Its primary source of funding is an annual appropriation made by Congress to the Department of State.

Campus community unites to break "the silence"

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silence which is caused by harassment, prejudice, and discrimination. I believe that ending the silence is the first step toward fighting these injustices. Think about the voices you are not hearing today. What are you going to do to end the silence?"

The day had a profound impact on many students. Said Suzanne Weiner '04, who volunteered to sit at tables in Beinecke for the Day of Silence Project, "I hadn't participated last year... and taking part this year gave me a chance to get rid of the guilt I had of not supporting those who did. It was sort of depressing seeing the small number of people who were actually participating and it felt good to be in the minority of students."

Mary Ellen Chainey '04, another volunteer for the Project, echoed Weiner's thoughts. "A lot of people questioned if being silent was effective, especially when people talk and talk about an issue, but silence can be much more eloquent," she said. "One thing I did notice was the weird looks I got from it, but I think it's important that people don't take for granted the right to have a public relationship that society might frown upon...or to not feel threatened by having a relationship," she added.

A Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network (GLSEN) survey reports that four out of five LGBT students report physical, verbal, and sexual harassment at school. Also, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) reports that the FBI's statistics consistently rank anti-gay violence in the top three most frequent forms of bias crimes.

Hamilton's Day of Silence Project was sponsored by Rainbow Alliance and the LesBiGay Empowerment & Action Project (LEAP) and funded by the Student Assembly. The Day of Silence concluded with a 'Breaking the Silence' cremony

Students tour France, Belgium

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the route of Combat Group Pfeiffer as he led his tank division against the Allies in the Battle of the Bulge. The group even stood where American General MacAuliffe answered Nazi orders to surrender with his famous one word response: "nuts."

The tour of the Western Front finished in Brussels and the class flew back to New York on March 24, 10 days after their departure.

Although spending 10 days in the company of the same people could potentially create disaster, the class was almost unanimous in its appreciation of the trip. According to Sean Thorsen '05, "The coolest thing for me was the fact that I got to know everyone in the class; before the trip, nobody really knew each other."

Brendan Mahoney '05 felt that "the trip really helped make the course material more real; without the trip to draw my attention, I might not have taken the class."

Although the sophomore seminar is taught by two professors, only one of them, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of History Maurice Isserman, could accompany the class on its historical tour of Europe.

Professor Isserman said that the highlight of the trip for him came when the bus stopped outside of Bastogne, on a forested hillside looking down on Foy, a small Belgian village. The village of Foy was the site of intense fighting during the last weeks of 1944 in the Battle of the Bulge. Foy was also featured in part of the HBO series "Band of Brothers."

Isserman said, "We had been following in the footsteps of the 101st Airborne ever since we had been touring Normandy. And now, in an overgrown forest that looked like no one had passed by since 1944, we found the actual foxholes that Easy Company had occupied when they held the line there against the Germans. It was an amazing learning experience, for me as well as for the students, making possible the kind of leap of historical imagination you can't always get out of books and lectures. It's a very powerful experience to walk on a battlefield like the hilltop above Foy, or the bluffs above Omaha Beach."

Professor Isserman continued to discuss the potential for difficulties when taking a class of twenty-three college sophomores on a spring break learning tour of Europe. However, he praised the students, saying, "They were attentive, they asked good questions; they really seemed to be involved. It was also nice to see the friendships among them emerge and deepen as the days went by. I didn't get the impression that many of the students had known each other all that well before we took the trip together."

Not only did the Normandy/Bastogne trip help to lend cohesiveness to a class full of half-strangers, but it had a significant effect on the students' understanding of the course material. The field trip really heightened the students' appreciation for the circumstances surrounding the war, and lent a picture to go with the pages of lectures and studies. Essentially, the trip raised the standards for the College's Sophomore Seminar program.

No student who elected to study the "Politics and History of WWII" will finish the class without a considerably greater degree of knowledge regarding the life and times of the people who fought the war.

The Spectator

Earlier this week the On The Hill website announced that the Science Center's construction was going as planned, and that part of it would be open to students in the Fall of 2004. The Spectator staff is impressed with, among other things, the diligence of the construction workers toiling through a bitterly cold and snowy winter. With tuition constantly rising, improving, building, and renovating student facilities is a way that the use of tuition dollars directly improves the quality of life of every student.

The renovation of the Psi Upsilon fraternity house is set to begin in October and be open to students to live in by Fall 2004. Ponying up the necessary cash to purchase and use these huge empty building was the right thing to do. Hamilton has long needed a new dorm and another beautiful upperclassmen housing option will now assuage housing issues. Likewise, The Spectator applauds the administration for purchasing the Sigma Phi house. The measure of success in this transaction, however, will be the function trustees and administrators see it fit for. A rare book library seems to be a terrible waste of space; classrooms and offices or residences would prove to be most utilitarian.

This summer, sprinklers will be installed in all the South side residences. Although this is not required by law, the need for sprinklers was only emphasized by a small couch fire in Major at the end of Winter Break. The implementation of sprinklers on the Dark Side is a wisely proactive decision to prevent future disasters, rather than waiting to install them after a dangerous fire.

North will finally receive a well-deserved facelift including new bathrooms, revamped stairs, and the conversion of triples to doubles. North and Kirkland are in similarly terrible shape and in desperate need of attention. The degree of attention that Kirkland will receive this summer is questionable at this point. The other dorm that will finally receive some structural attention is Dunham, whose doors and windows will be replaced next summer.

Most attractive to prospective Hamilton students are its ample and unique housing options. To keep paying students here, and attract paying applicants, the administration must continue to be dedicated to maintaining and improving the quality of life for its students. One way of doing that is to be able to provide excellent academic, residential, and social facilities.

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College honors Tobin with professorship, scholarship

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spectactular. It is exactly what we hoped would happen when Gene accepted our offer to serve as Hamilton's 18th president in December 1993."

"In a few short months, President Tobin wil leave behind a tremendous legacy of progress and change on College Hill; Hamilton is stronger on every front," he added.

Tobin will step down from his post as president on June 30. Other speakers at the New York Celebration included trustee Vice President Chester A. Siuda, life trustee and former Manhattanville College President Elizabeth J. McCormack, and former trustee chairman Kevin W. Kennedy. Vice President for Investements and Treasurer Dan O'Leary and Director of Principal Gifts Mary McLean Evans also spoke at the black tie event that was attended by more than 140 people.

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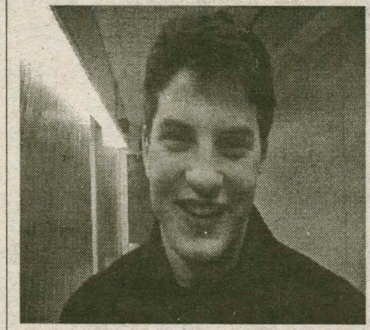
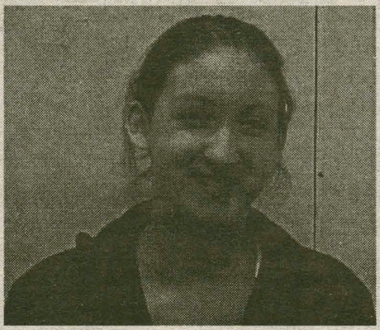


"Dude; something with naked chicks... they rock."
- Billy Oppenheim '06

"I want to see more crap painted gold... how about good old Al Ham guys?"
- Rachel Sobelsom '06



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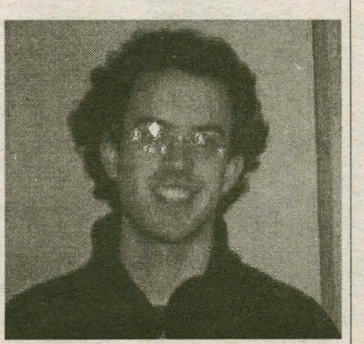

"I would love to see all the sorority pledge classes perform a battle royale in a tub of hot baby oil. Start the revolution!"
-John Pappano '06

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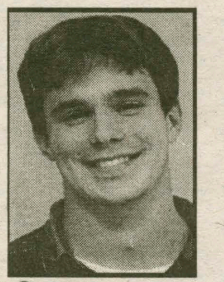
Learning to be color blind



Chris Preston'03
Senior Editor

As you read this article, or *The Spectator* in general, what do you see? Words, pictures, advertisements- all are obvious answers. What else do you see? Black and white, perhaps? If so, this is only a natural reaction when reading our little color-absent publication, but it is not right that that is exactly what so many people on this campus see as they walk to class or eat in a dining hall- black and white.

Ours is a brilliant campus, full of many bright, young minds, most of whom are here because they are, for the most part, thoughtful people without a shred of ignorance in them. Sadly, Hamilton is not the most ethnically or racially diverse campus, as it ranks among the bottom ten Liberal Arts colleges in diversity. This is not a problem within the administration, however. Nor is it due to negligence within the admissions office. It is a problem that can be directly attributed to us, Hamilton students.

Raised in the South, I grew increasingly frustrated by the blatant bigotry and hatred that at times infected those surrounding me. Some of my high school classmates, summer co-workers and even some of my teachers made racist remarks from time to time. Because of this, I became more and more inclined to go to college up North, where I anticipated things would be far more color-blind and far less ignorant. As I find myself on the cusp of graduating from this great institution, however, I have found that not to be the case.

This is an article I have been dreading writing for four years now, hoping that I would see drastic improvements over time that would prevent me from feeling obligated to actually write about such a sore and, indeed, embarrassing subject. But judging from what I've seen and heard consistently for the past four years, I do not feel that much progress has been made toward becoming the racially harmonious campus I envisioned. Many incidents are, and forever will be, stuck in my mind, some more than others.

The most public incident during my tenure occurred during my sophomore year, in which a freshman who happened to be black and blind returned to his room one day to find the words, "Blind Nigger," written on his dry-erase board. Understandably, and admirably, many black and Hispanic students responded by performing a series of peaceful yet bold demonstrations to promote racial awareness and prevent any similar incidents from ever occurring here again. Having covered the demonstrations for *The Spectator* and interviewed some of the thoughtful people who led this courageous movement, I was optimistic that the demonstrations would be a huge step towards ridding the campus of most, if not all, of its racial intolerance. Publicly, for the most part, that has been the case. No hate crimes have been reported since, or at least none that were made public.

Nonetheless, as I have witnessed in private, all-white gatherings from time to time, the hate has not been fully quelled. And whenever I ask someone to explain a comment I perceive to be racially prejudiced or stereotyped, I always receive the same cop-out answer: "I was just joking." Well, let me hopefully be the last one to tell all of you: racism- private or public, joking or serious- is not a joke. Every time a comment is made that draws attention to racial discrepancies, it severely decreases the quality of life on this campus.

Hamilton prides itself on being an academically superior institution that continues to intellectually prepare its students for success in the real world. However, if we cannot embrace diversity and learn to be color-blind, we will never be prepared socially. So please, read this print you are seeing in black and white, and realize, if you already have not, that in real life things are NOT simply broken down into....black and white.

Thumbs Up

-Big beers

-Having 16 pledges this spring

-The quality of the Pub's new pool table

-Shorty's sports bar in Utica--home of the three dollar pitcher

-Farting so loud that it prevented you from observing Wednesday's day of silence

-42 days until Preston's really hot and naughty 18-year-old sister arrives on the Hill

-The C&C Music Factory

Thumbs Down

-Hot off the presses: Senior Week reduced back down to three days!?!

-The increased price of playing a game at the Pub's new pool table

-Speaking of high prices, um, the Senior Formal perhaps???

- Preston escaping all recognition for producing this "ever-tasteful" column (pg. 11., column 2)

-The postponement of the Masters until Friday...what's next, ATX not having a pledge class?

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03

Who Cares?

-Regular sized beers

-Finding a job...the real world blows rhino

-See page 11, column 2

-Um, let's see...PJAG?

-Yankees opening day being snowed out

-The Housing Lottery and class registration...we're seniors, dicks

-This column next year...good luck, Fenton

-Shrinkage

For the ladies

TIM MUDIE '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

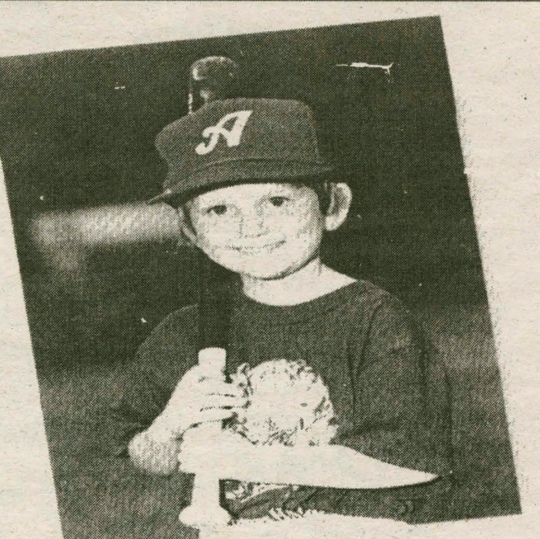
"Hey there sweet thang. How you doin?" Yes, that's my line. And no, I have never gotten a single girl with it. But maybe you can! Yes, this is where I am going to teach you how to woo all of the ladies of Hamilton College. Woo them college-style that is. (Please note that this is not applicable in the real world.)

Okay. Let's start with actually trying to woo a girl, not just get her at a Bundy party. In that case, wooing isn't generally necessary; the beer does the work for you. Thank you alcohol! So we're going to work on wooing a girl, or if you prefer, "dating." Now, dating on a college campus is an interesting thing. Especially if you're one of those poor souls, like me, whose parents didn't give them a car. Damn you, parents! You're hurting my chances of getting ass! Yes, having no car means that, unless you want to take the Jitney out, your dating options are pretty limited. You need to think up creative things to do if you want to get the ladies. While you may think that "So, you want to go to Commons and then maybe back to my place?" is impossible for girls to resist, you may find yourself quite surprised when putting this into practice. Girls only like to go on dates to McEwen. No, I'm just kidding. You try to go on a date to any dining hall, you will not get any. Unless you're really smooth, in which case you probably shouldn't even be reading this article. Opus is generally pretty acceptable; it's more "high class" than a dining hall and, as we all know, going out for coffee is basically foreplay. In fact, in some cultures the entire act of intercourse revolves around coffee. It's hot, delicious, caffeinated loving. Unless you drink decaf. You girl.

Now you're at Opus, you're making small talk, you're thinking "What can I do to make this girl go home with me?" You can't be too obvious and, smooth as it may sound to you; "I have a real nice single, do you want to see it?" is pretty damn obvious. Try mixing it up. I like, "I just got a great new tapestry, want to see it?" But that hasn't always been my line. Unfortunately, it turned out that my old favorite, "Would you like to see me without my pants on?" is also pretty obvious. Who'd of thunk it? Of course, if you're in a class together you can always work that angle. Try "I've been having trouble with the calc. homework; maybe you could help me out... and see me without my pants on." Money in the bank.

So you're in your room; deal is sealed right? Not so. There's more wooing that needs doing. (Sorry.) This is where you kick it into gear. Gauge the situation with an arm around the shoulder perhaps, or trying to hold her hand. You'll get the good vibe or the bad vibe. You get the good vibe, you're gold. Bad vibe? Run. Run as fast as your feet can carry you. Even if it's your room. Run and don't stop until can't run any further, until you're doubled over, gasping for air, asking yourself what the hell you were thinking. This is the only mature, rational response to rejection. Actually, I've changed my mind. Wait out your time with the girl and when she leaves start drinking heavily. That is mature and rational.

If this article has worked out for you, let me know. I, for one, will be surprised. If it doesn't work out for you, well, come on, what were you thinking? I already told you my line never works.



Bethany Cartledge
In-line skater.
T-ball slugger.
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January 18, 1994
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If you don't stop someone from driving drunk, who will? Do whatever it takes.

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Confronting Strangers:
Beyond the Asian Myths 2003

TAKEHIKO KAMINOGO '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

During the Spring semester of last year, four Hamilton students organized a lecture series entitled, "Confronting Strangers: Beyond the Asian Myths." As the title of the series suggests, each of the four students made a presentation on a topic related to a rather broad theme: "Asia". Their topics ranged from the academic performance of Asian American students to the depiction of the Vietnam War in American popular media; the format of their presentations also varied from standard oral presentation, to poetry reading, to video presentation. As one of the presenters, I showed my video pieces, which focused upon my own experiences in Tokyo in the 90's.

As the only one left on campus among the four presenters from last year, I serve as one of the organizers of the second year of "Confronting Strangers: Beyond the Asian Myths." This year's series also introduces four distinguished presenters, starting on April 12th with a lecture by Professor Sung from Lawrence University and ending on May 1st with a lecture by Huy Huynh, a senior at Hamilton. Here I would like to briefly talk about what the title of the series means and what we want to achieve through this year's series.

To begin with, what are the "Asian Myths"? I broadly define them as "assumptions one makes about Asians." I believe that everybody consciously or unconsciously makes an assumption about others based upon a group to which they belong (e.g. race, sex, time period, Hamilton community). It seems that some of these assumptions are necessary to our lives, while others are harmful to us. For example, almost all of the people at Hamilton make an assumption that people at Hamilton know what the internet is and are capable of using it. This implicit assumption makes our life at Hamilton convenient and efficient, so that it is necessary at this college, even though one cannot make this assumption in other parts of the world. On the other hand, there are harmful assumptions that one makes, which we often call "stereotypes." For example, I have to admit that conversations among my friends back in Japan are often based upon an assumption that those involved in the conversations are heterosexual. People in the Hamilton community are more aware of the danger this kind of assumption poses. Sometimes, there is a fine line between the two kinds of assumptions I have just described. However, my point is that people (including Asians) certainly make assumptions about Asians, whether or not it is necessary.

Assumptions about Asians, or "Asian Myths," encompass everything from physical characteristics about Asians, to their innate abilities, to their values. One might hear people talk about Asian males' small penises or Asians' mathematical abilities. Some people assume that Chinese or Japanese females are submissive and demure. (For example, Gallimard in M Butterfly obsessively believes in this Asian Myth, so he has to pay for it.) In addition to these stereotypical assumptions, one makes an assumption based upon acquired information. I can imagine, for instance, a student of Japanese culture assuming that Japanese people respect a hierarchical structure at school or in the workplace because this is what he or she learns in the classroom or from a textbook. However, this Japanese value, it seems to me, is both persisting and changing in contemporary Japanese society. Although knowing is certainly better than being ignorant, information one obtains still constitutes Asian myths. The purpose of this lecture series is, therefore, to challenge all assumptions about Asia, whether they are what we call stereotypes or information.

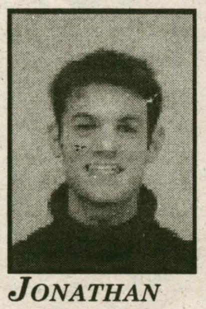
The question pertains to how we challenge these assumptions or how we go "beyond the Asian Myths." Broadly speaking, this year's lectures can be categorized into two distinctive types based upon the way they challenge the Asian myths. The first two speakers, who are both professors, will make a presentation on their research, whereas the last two presenters, who are both students at Hamilton, will speak about their life experiences. Professor Sung from Lawrence University will make a presentation on Tibetan people and culture with slides, and Ann Frechette, professor of Anthropology from Hamilton, will make a presentation on Tibetan Pilgrimage. The last two speakers, Shin Okuzono and Huy Huynh, will talk about their particular life stories as Asians.

Ann Frechette, Luce Junior Professor of Asian Studies, Department of Anthropology, will make a presentation entitled "Tibetan Pilgrimage: Myths and Meaning on Mount Kailash." In 1995, she went on pilgrimage for a month to Mount Kailash in Western Tibet. Mount Kailash is one of the most sacred sites in Asia. It is revered by Hindus, Buddhists, Jains and Bonpos. Professor Frechette's talk will address what the journey was like, what pilgrimage to Mount Kailash meant to the many people she met while she was there and how pilgrimage functions as a form of religious experience. As part of the talk, she will show photographs of the journey, of the rituals she witnessed while she was there and of some of the many people she met.

Two Hamilton students, on the other hand, will focus on their own life experiences as Asians. Shin Okuzono, a freshman at Hamilton, was born in the US as a son of Japanese parents. Shin spent his life going back and forth between the US and Japan, but spent most of his teens in the US. Nevertheless, he identifies himself as Japanese. In his presentation, Shin attempts to define what the word Japanese means to him and to figure out how its meaning differs from what we generally mean by "Japanese." Huy Huynh, a senior at Hamilton, was also born in the US as a son of Vietnamese parents. However, Huy had never visited his parents' home country until the last semester, when he participated in a study abroad program. He gradually became more aware of his identity as a Vietnamese through his experiences in Vietnam, which encouraged him to learn more about the lives of Vietnamese refugees in the other places of the world as a Watson fellow next year. In the presentation, he will discuss how his identity as Vietnamese has changed over the years.

I hope that these two different ways of going beyond the "Asian Myths" will make the lecture series as a whole more interesting. One last remark. The irony of this lecture series is that it will cause the audience to create "Asian Myths." If you come to one of these lectures, you will probably learn something about Tibet from the professors' research or something new about Asians from Shin's or Huy's anecdotes. Although their research or stories might be different from what we call stereotypes, you will create a new image about Asians based upon them. And that new image is also "Asian Myth." The point of this lecture series is, however, to present facts or stories that will become alternatives to your current assumptions about Asians. It is up to you what kind of "Asian Myth" you will create after the series.

Pre-frosh: *let's meet them*



Jonathan Kuhl '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

We were all nervous pre-frosh at one point in our lives. For me, it was just last summer that I was anxiously awaiting moving into my room and getting started at Hamilton. I was nervous and excited at the same time, as is the case with most experiences that I am looking forward to, but don't know exactly what to expect.

For some students this transition from high school to college is eased by relationships with other students coming to, or already at, Hamilton. It helps to start off with a familiar face and someone whom you can talk to when the new faces haven't yet become acquaintances and friends. There's comfort in knowing that you have a safety net to fall into during those first awkward moments of adjustment.

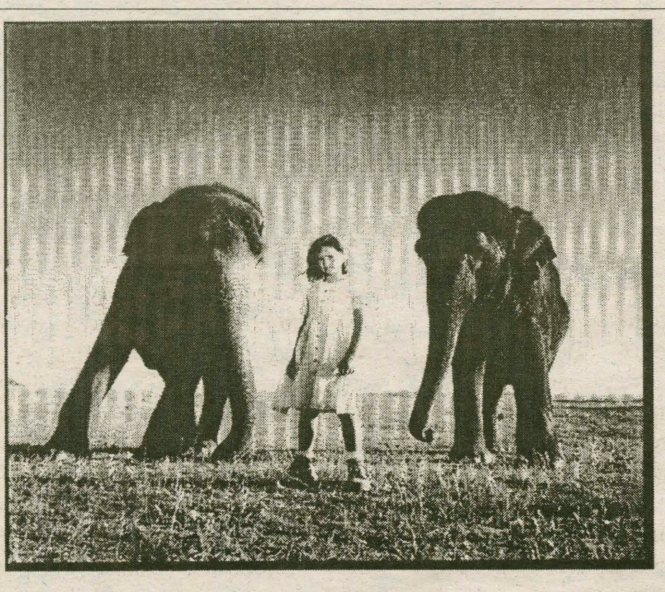
On the other hand, many of those about to embark on their careers on the Hill couldn't tell you a single person they know who is going to Hamilton. Certainly as the first week goes by, freshmen get acquainted with their new surroundings and peers. It would however be nice if there were someway to alleviate the initial angst felt by what I would argue is all incoming freshmen.

It seems to me that knowing someone, even if only slightly, who will be at Hamilton when you get there, would help to accomplish this. I propose (I guess I can do that) that a program be established through admissions, which would allow current Hamilton students to take incoming freshmen in their hometowns out to dinner sometime over the summer. Such a program would enable new students not only to meet and talk to someone who knows about Hamilton, but also to meet a few students who will be in their class.

Creating such a program would cost very little and would be done solely on a volunteer basis. If the Admissions office provided interested students with the names and phone numbers of incoming freshmen, the current students could contact the students over the summer and set up a time and place for dinner. It would make sense to establish an allowance for the cost of dinner, allowing students to save the receipts and then get reimbursed when they return to college in the fall.

The Adirondack Adventure Program, which successfully establishes relationships with a group of fellow freshmen prior to the fall semester, does do this to some extent, but I don't believe that it goes far enough. There needs to be something that would calm students' nerves even before they get to campus. All we need to do is to come up with a catchy name and we're in business.

College is a big step for most people; many people are far from their homes and families, they haven't been away from home for such an extended period of time, and they're generally nervous about what to expect. Learning a little more about Hamilton and getting to know a few classmates over a relaxing dinner would make the transition just a little smoother.



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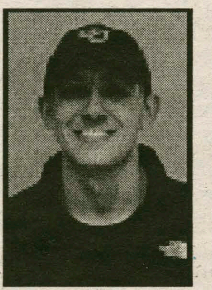
The jitney: dropping the ball



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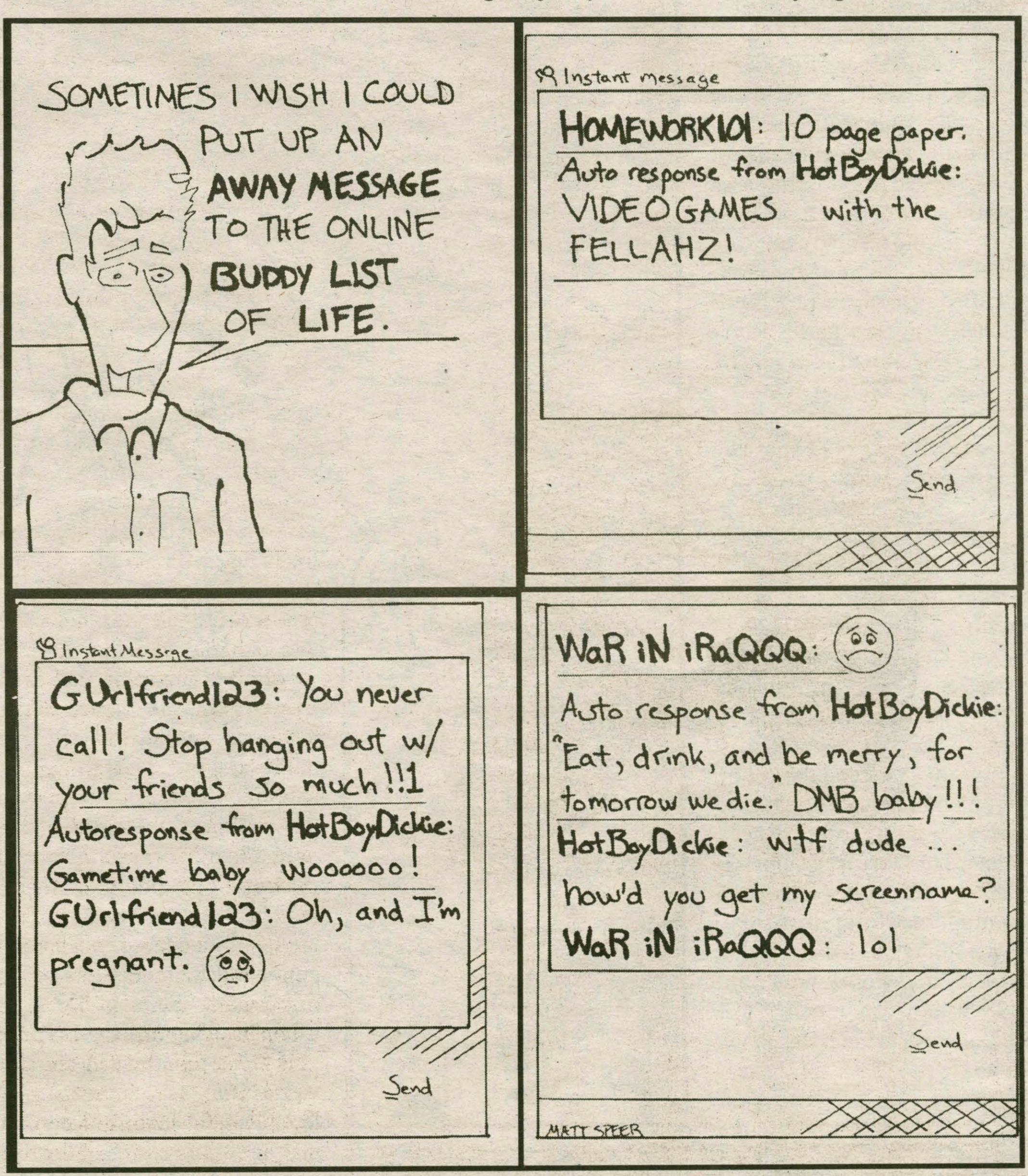
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, 17,448 people were killed in alcohol-related automobile accidents in 2001, a number that constitutes 41% of the total driving related fatalities for that year. Furthermore, according to the National Center for Education Statistics, 1,138 18-24 year old college students were killed in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes in 1999. It is no secret that drunk driving has become a rampant problem in this nation, one that has a profound impact upon America's youth.

This being said, it is imperative that college students and college administrations work hand in hand on every campus to ensure that drunk driving fatalities are held to a bare minimum. Since the 1995 Residential Life Decision was enacted, forbidding students from living in fraternity houses, social option have been shifted more off-campus. Fraternity houses, which were once the epicenter of social life on the hill, provided students with places to consume alcohol in walking distance of their dorm rooms. Now, many students must head for local bars in search of a comfortable environment in which to booz. Drunk driving was not as prominent an issue when a wild Saturday night constituted a five minute walk down to the Psi U house; however, the VT is more like a five minute drive downtown (emphasis on the word drive). Hamilton students are now more at risk for drinking and driving than ever before. Hamilton has done a fine job in providing jitney service into town on Friday and Saturday nights... but what about when the jitney can't run...

Early Sunday morning, in the midst of a dangerous ice storm, "The Jitney" sent out an all-student e-mail at 12:06 a.m. informing students that "Due to the continuation of springlike weather, and the fact that the jintey couldn't get ack up the hill: jitney service has been cancelled for the reminder of the night." Is it just me, or is there something terribly wrong with this scenario? I understand that the jitneys are large, slow vans and that they couldn't get back up the hill; but does that mean that it's acceptable to strand students, many of whom were definitely intoxicated, in town with no way back up to the college? The administration and the people who oversee and run the jitney really dropped the ball on this one. Preventative action should have been taken to prevent this from happening. If those in charge of jitney service had checked out a weather report for Saturday evening and Sunday morning, they undoubtedly would have learned that we were expecting a severe ice storm and could then have taken appropriate action, perhaps canceling jitney service for the entire evening. If this had been done, students could have had enough time to plan accordingly, either by arranging to have a designated driver take them into town or by not going in at all. But no, the people at the jitney didn't go that extra mile to ensure the safety of our students. And what good was an e-mail at 12:06 Sunday morning??? Sure it warned students who were sitting in their rooms that they couldn't go downtown, but what about the dozens of students who invariably had already been transported into town and had no access to their e-mail accounts??? Even worse, think of those students who drove into town, got drunk and tried to make the responsible choice to leave their car and take the Jitney back up the hill??? They must have been in for a very big surprise. I find it totally unacceptable that the college program aimed at preventing drunk driving so readily abandoned students downtown...

I think the jitney is a great idea. But please, get your act together and ensure that our students can have a safe end to a Saturday night.



Liberal Art: By Matt Speer '05

A tribute to Professor Landon G. Rockwell

James F. Bromley '57
ALUMNI CONTRIBUTOR

I took Rocky's course in Constitutional Law in the spring semester back long ago in 1957. Our text was *Evans Cases on American Constitutional Law*, by Charles G. Fenwick (6th Ed. Callaghan & Co. 1952). Rocky lectured on the cases we read. He blended a fascinating telling of the close details he drew from his intimate knowledge of these famous decisions with posing queries not aimed at any of us in particular, but floating forth for anybody present to grab at.

What a stark contrast this was to law school. No blistering Socratic method. Rocky was an admirer of Socrates, but he adopted the gentler version of dialogues. Rocky's course provided a more general coverage of constitutional law than did the courses on the subject most of us took in law school. For instance, my Constitutional Law professor focused exclusively on the Commerce Clause. Nothing else. I suspect I am not alone in keeping, treasuring, and every so often consulting the Evan Casebook all these many years. Like Rocky himself, my copy was sturdily constructed, and the binding is in good shape.

I recall Rocky's class met in Benedict Hall sometime in the morning. It was not an ordinary classroom, but consisted of a table with enough chairs for all of us to sit together. Rocky did this on purpose. He stood at one end of the table with a blackboard behind him that he rarely, if ever, needed to use. The cases we studied were, first, the famous formative ones like Marbury v. Madison, McCullough v. Maryland, Fletcher v. Peck, Charles River Bridge, Dartmouth College v. Woodard, and a bunch of others. From then on, under Rocky's tutelage, we learned what the Constitution was made of. Rocky's lectures ran to the heart of each of them, and that was tough doing, when, in those days preceding Justice Holmes, judges weren't brief. Rocky had an amazing facility of clear summarization. When he finished with a case, we understood it! One instance stands out as if it happened yesterday: The Dartmouth College case involved a grant from the King. Rocky took steps to cause us to appreciate the fact that this grant, even though adorned by the royal seal, was a contract. That was what the Supreme Court held, but Rocky said so in much fewer words and in a manner that stuck forever.

Rocky's tests were fun. They consisted of stating the facts of a case that, oddly enough, resembled one of those we had studied. We were then asked to write an opinion! This was the first time any of us had to pretend we were a judge. It was exciting and, for those who particularly liked it, these tests launched us more confidently toward careers in the law if we would never become judges. I don't have a clear memory of all I read. Hamilton had a set of the *Supreme Court Reporter*. I remember, as our minds seem sometimes to carry such permanent "snapshots," sitting one evening in the library reading the Court's decision in Rice v. Sioux City Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 349 U.S. 70 (1955). I associate this case with Rocky, yet, looking at it today, I have no idea why.

Rocky's view of his professional role was broader than simply imparting a deep, enduring appreciation of how the Supreme Court so successfully balanced national and public power as against state authority and private rights. He also kept an empathetic, kindly eye out for students who, he perceived, needed something more than what he could give them in class. I was among them. I exhibited, shall we say, a certain adolescence toward the Bill of Rights. Over the period I took Rocky's course, he pointed me to places where my eyes might view broader, more humanistic views. He considered me, I think, a ship whose compass needed some adjustment. He brought me to works by several prominent authors on civil liberties as well as some of the then very recent decisions of the Warren Court enforcing the Bill of Rights and the Fourteenth Amendment. He conducted this maneuver very quietly, almost imperceptibly. At the end of the semester, I think he was as happy with his handiwork as he probably thought possible.

I was by no means the only student he must have helped in this manner, but perhaps was a more extreme and challenging instance. His guidance changed my life.

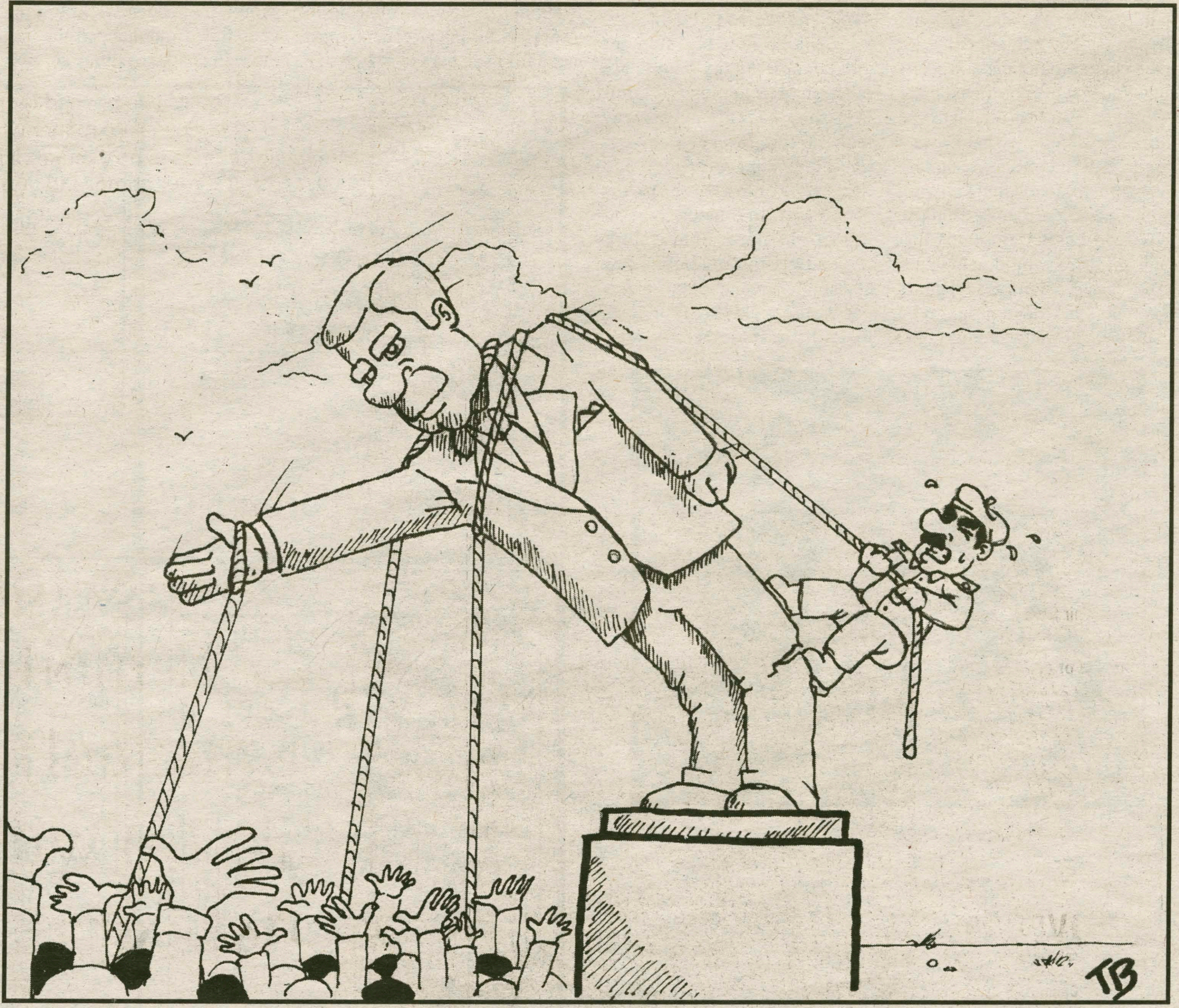
It was my good fortune to re-engage with Rocky many years later. As an aside from my legal practice (I suppose retaining in a little measure a devotion to my political science major), I had written something of a political and philosophical nature. In 1987, I sent it to Rocky. After awhile, around Christmas that year, I received a heartwarming, welcoming response. Thanks to Rocky, this otherwise unpublished effort I had worked on for years is in the Alumni Collection at the Burke Library. Thereafter, I sent Rocky several additional "opii" that he bore with godlike patience, encouraging me and offering invaluable suggestions.

Thus began a fifteen-year correspondence back and forth between me and Rocky, plus a precious few memorable visits to College Hill Road, until the sad day when Rocky, at peace and without pain, ended his present life on this planet. What a full and loving life it was! Those of us whose paths crossed his are forever blessed.

Some of our visits deserve mention. At about the time of my 40th reunion, I found I needed help on a point involving natural law. During the reunion, I visited the Rockwells. I saw Rocky working in the garden. He gathered a couple of chairs onto the front porch, and he and I sat and talked. I sensed I was in the presence of infinite knowledge. Rocky offered an explanation derived from ancient texts from which, he told me, notions of natural law originated.

A few years ago, my son Michael and I traveled to Clinton for an off-year Reunion. We visited Rocky and Heidi and, to our surprise and joy, got to meet Rocky's daughter Sandy and her daughter, Rocky's beloved granddaughter Kate. At our visit, Michael told of working on his book about limousines and his love of old cars. Rocky reminisced. He remembered once watching searchlights dash about the sky of New York harbor during World War I and sitting on the lap of a soldier as his family responded to President Wilson's call to invite service men for a holiday meal before they left for overseas. Then, with huge enthusiasm and a happy smile and shining eyes all the more glorious because he was then suffering from the disease that led to his death, Rocky told us that once, as a young boy, he rode in his father's touring car. He was in the back seat. He stood up and peered over the front seat at the speedometer, astounded the car was traveling at the unbelievable rate of 60 miles an hour!

We haven't seen the last of Rocky. I will keep watch for him. His core faith in the goodness of mankind will be at the forefront of every future political crisis; he will be at the summit of every mountain he ever climbed; he will live forever, as all wonderful authors do, in the pages of his many publications; he will be in the hearts of all his family and friends. He speaks to us still. For instance, I somehow have come to be aware that Rocky is telling me to keep traveling as he would do despite the terrorist threat. I'll follow that advice.



Drawing Criticism: By Tom Booth '06

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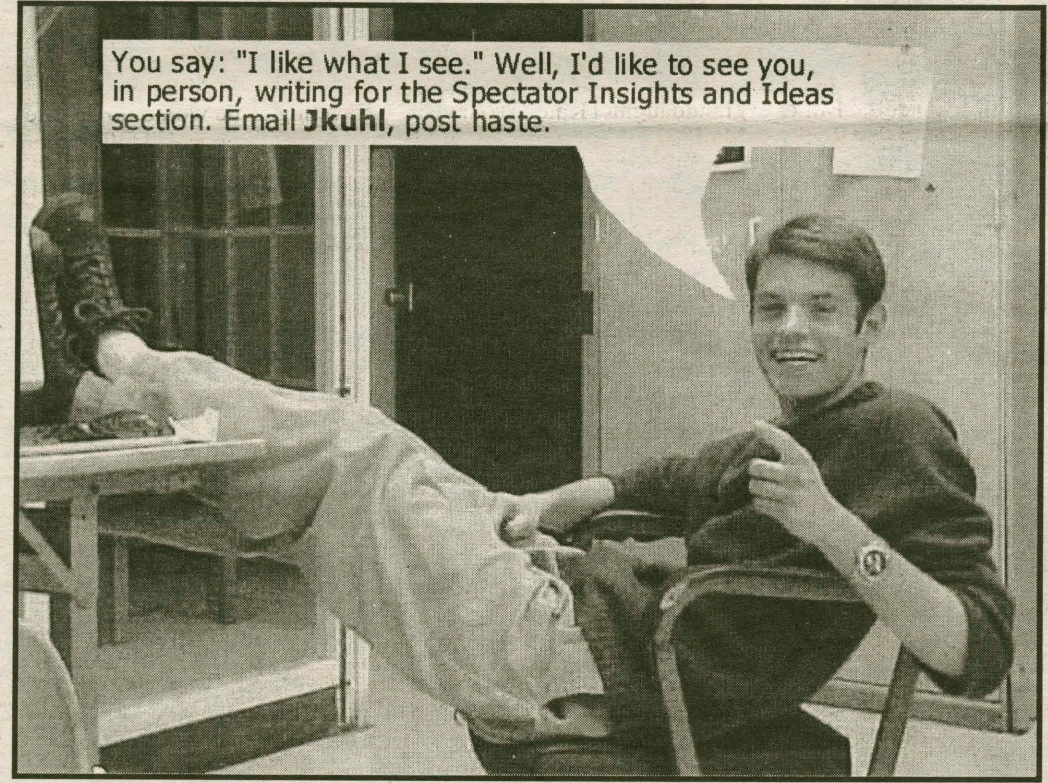
Dear Editor,

Many members of the Hamilton College community have been asking if, and suggesting that, ATX has a pledge class this spring. Not only has this issue been dealt with by the administration, the Judicial Committee of the Intersociety Council, and statements from members of ATX in a previous edition of the *Spectator,* but it was recently brought to light once again with Paul P. Jones' ever-tasteful "Thumbs Up Thumbs Down" column last week.

In response, and per suggestions from administration that we respond to these continuing statements, ATX has no pledge class this spring. We are sorry for any confusion, and are sorry to disappoint this semester, but I can assure you it is true. We do look forward to having a pledge class next year, but are unable to do so at this time.

Rachel Geringer-Dunn '04, ATX and President of the Intersociety Council



"It's all fun and games until someone loses an eye..."

Play it Safe

That's what your parents told you when you were a kid. Shouldn't you tell your children?

Each year thousands of children suffer unnecessary sports-related eye injuries — bruised eyes, scraped or torn corneas, detached retinas and eye hemorrhaging.

Vision Council of America, a nonprofit trade association representing the optical industry, wants parents to know that wearing protective eyewear can prevent or lessen the severity of most eye injuries.

Talk to your eyecare professional about protecting your child's eyes.

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Going Abroad?

Thinking about making some quick money?

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If someone offers you a free vacation and a big chunk of cash just for bringing back a suitcase or package no questions asked—Remember:

- Drug laws abroad are very strict.
- When you leave the U.S., you leave our laws behind.
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- The police are watching for American tourists carrying drugs.
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- You will be thrown in a crowded jail cell.
- You will not have access to a modern shower or toilet.
- You will be given food that is not fit to eat.
- When sick or injured, you may not get adequate medical care.
- You will not see your loved ones—your parents, your children, your friends—for a long, long time.
- You will be fined thousands of dollars.
- You will stay in jail for years and years.

You will be blamed for anything in your suitcase, no matter who puts it there. Ignorance is no excuse. If it's in your suitcase, it's your crime, and you will do the time.

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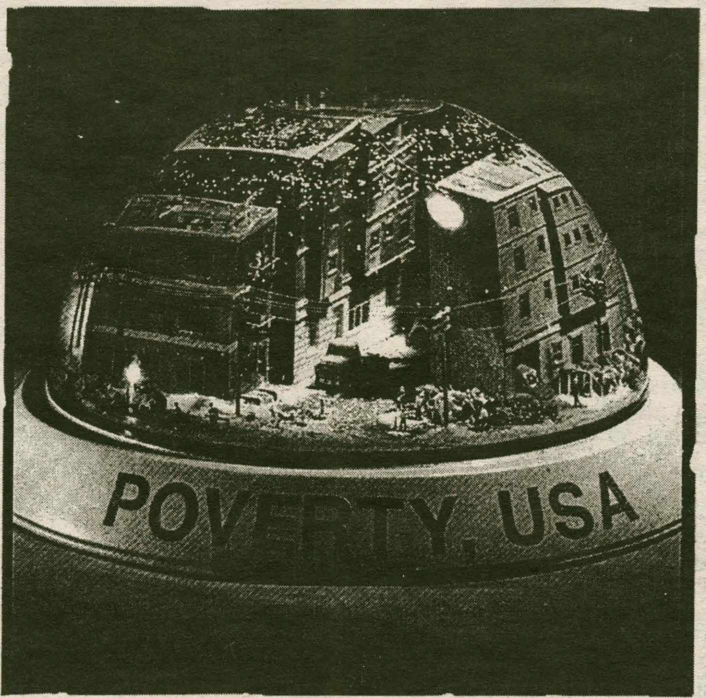
Look closely and you'll find 32,000,000 trapped inside.

Here's a souvenir from a place the good times left behind. Where one out of every six children — and one out of every eleven families — still struggles to survive. It's the state of poverty in America. And for more than 32 million people, it's a cold, hard place to live.



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Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome

What is being done to prevent it?

by Stephanie Dunn '03
CONTRIBUTING SCIENCE WRITER

For the past four years the Hamilton College senior class and Aids Community Resources (ACR) has sponsored an annual AIDS Hike for Life benefiting HIV-infected individuals, their partners, families and friends in the Mohawk Valley. As the 5th Annual AIDS Hike for Life approaches we should all be reminded about the history and specifics of this disease and what is being done to stop it..

AIDS, formally known as acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, is the long term result of HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus, first identified in 1984. If an individual is infected either through unsafe sex, contaminated needles, blood transfusions or from mother to child, there is a viral life cycle that allows the initial virus to multiply.

First the virus comes into contact with a specific host cell, most likely a CD4 helper cell, a type of T- cell. T- cells are immune cells that help facilitate the body's response to infections.

Without these T- cells, the body's immune system is unable to protect itself from a majority of these infections. As the virus comes into contact with a T- cell it uses two receptor sites, a CD4 and a beta-chemokine receptor site, to attach to the cell surface.

The nucleocapsid, or genetic core, is then able to penetrate into the cytoplasm of the cell. As the nucleocapsid dissolves, the virus's RNA can be converted to DNA through reverse transcription so the genetic information of the virus remains incorporated in the cell. This information is then integrated into the nucleus of the cell where it awaits activation.

Upon activation the infected cell is essentially used by HIV to reproduce thousands and thousands of copies of itself.

Throughout the life cycle of the virus, T- cells becomes altered and damaged, eventually resulting in the death of the cells.

Scientists are unsure as to the exact cause of cell death but the fact remains that as T- cell numbers decrease the body becomes less able to protect itself against infection and disease.

Fortunately, scientists are working on numerous drugs and vaccines that could be effective in stopping the virus at one of the stages in its life cycle. Newer and stronger drugs are being developed to reduce the rates of most opportunistic infections.

Results from the first large-scale test of the AIDS vaccine AIDSVAX has proven to be largely ineffective for widespread use even though it appears to be effective among African-Americans.

There was a statistically significant difference between those treated with the vaccine who became infected (2%), and those in the placebo group who became infected (8.1%). This was largely due to this subgroup being able to induce higher levels of antibody than other subgroups.

While possibilities for development of a vaccine to cure AIDS may seem bleak, the advances that have been made in recent years leave people with hope. Through more research on HIV & AIDS a possible vaccine can be developed.

It is essential that scientists, researchers and doctors continue to receive funding in order to keep research ongoing. If you have any questions about how you can help to raise money to combat this disease please feel free to contact Jeannine Murtaugh (x4339) at the Hamilton College Career Center.

Get involved in fight against AIDS by joining in the 5th Annual AIDS Hike for Life, Sunday April 27th at 11:00am.

Sources:
http://www.thebody.com/index.shtml
David Brown, Washington Post, 2/24/03

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

Kat Lexa '05 examines the facts behind this mystery disease

by Katrina Lexa '05
SCIENCE WRITER

A mysterious illness, without a definable cause, is generating fear in the minds of many people across the globe. The first case of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) was diagnosed on February 26 in Hanoi, Vietnam, according to GlobalChange.com. By April 9, 2722 patients were diagnosed with SARS; of those patients, over 100 had died. The outbreak of disease has many health officials deeply worried about the possibility of a viral epidemic.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), by the end of February 2003, SARS had been defined as "an atypical pneumonia of unknown aetiology". The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published an informational guideline concerning SARS, writing that any person with a fever of over 100.4°F, in addition to headaches, body aches or respiratory difficulties, ought to check with a physician.

SARS is believed to be spread by close contact between the carrier and another person; evidence from Hong Kong indicates that the virus is present in respiratory droplets, but can also be spread through ordinary air conditioning units, sewage or water supplies.

In Hong Kong, officials attempted to quarantine residents within their high-rise apartment building following the diagnosis of 100 SARS cases in quick succession. However, when policemen in protective masks checked the building they found that over half the residents had fled. According to GlobalChange.com, "Frantic efforts followed to try and track down every missing person across the whole of Hong Kong– among a population of over 6 million. The military then decided to truck over 200 people to an isolated quarantine camp."

Many citizens of Hong Kong have begun wearing surgical masks to avoid exposure to the mystery illness.

Health officials in the French Hanoi Hospital have found that the current quarantine period of two to seven days is sufficient for protecting the rest of the population stated the WHO in their interim report on April 9th.

They also described the work of WHO officials in the Guangdong Province of China. The report stated that their infectious disease experts "noted that the response of the [Guangdong] health care system has been exemplary, and commended the dedication and bravery of doctors, nurses, and others working in clinics and hospitals."

However, the experts feared that the poorer provinces of China did not have the resources for accurate tracing of cases, nor for reporting SARS cases brought into the local hospitals. There was additional concern over SARS outbreaks within the rural areas of China, which lacked surveillance teams for potential outbreaks.

Currently the CDC is stating that those people with the highest risk for contracting SARS are family members of an infected person or health officials who failed to use proper infection control procedures during their treatment of a SARS patient.

A confirmable cause of SARS has not yet been identified, but health officials have isolated an unrecognized coronavirus in SARS patients.

The impact of an unrecognized virus has spread across the globe. Many residents in infected parts of Asia have been seen covering their faces with masks or pieces of cotton. Schools in Singapore were closed down when SARS was discovered locally.

Hospitals across Asia have been quarantined or shut down following the possible diagnosis of one SARS patient. Investor confidence, tourism and business ventures have plummeted since the outbreak. Many western countries are warning travelers to postpone their voyages to localities in the Far East and Canada until more information is discovered regarding the virus.

Fortunately for residents of the United States, only 65 cases of SARS had been seen by March 31st, nearly all caused by travel to a foreign country.

Right now, American officials' main focus is to help citizens avoid infected regions of the world in their travels, and they also suggest that any individuals with the symptoms described above visit with their healthcare provider and discuss any past travels to foreign countries that might have led to contraction of the virus.

The US government is taking steps to educate and protect its citizens from the mystery illness and is also assisting the WHO in its search for answers regarding the virus.

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Model U.N. negotiates success in Chicago

Conference wins wrap up a sound year

by Spencer R. Soloway '06
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Last Wednesday Hamilton College's true road warriors - the Model U.N. - braved the nasty weather and packed their bags in preparation for their last competition of the year: the Chicago Model United Nations Conference. Team captain Ben Schuster '03, Catherine Kwan '03, Chris Knorr '06, and Spencer Soloway '06 took a flight to the Windy City for their third and final conference of the year.

The conference was hosted by the University of Chicago, and over 150 students from across the country competed. Hamilton faced many of the top teams in the country, including those from Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Northwestern and Stanford. The Hamilton team's hours of research and preparation paid off: Schuster won another Best Delegate award in a magnificent final bow for the senior and Model UN veteran, making him the most-decorated delegate in Hamilton History.

In addition, Soloway beat out an array of upperclassmen to win an Honorable Mention award. The team finished with a 50% winning percentage, the highest at the conference.

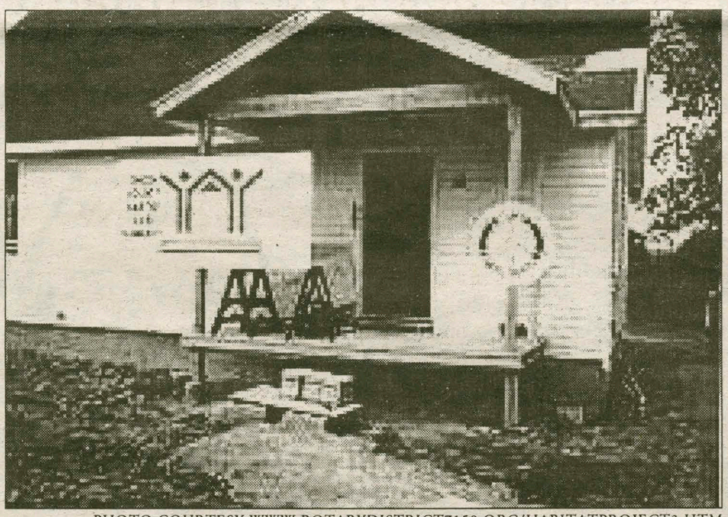
This conference was a good finish to a sound year. According to Schuster, "This has been the best year for the Hamilton Model U.N. team in recent history." Five awards were given to the Hamilton team this year. Soloway won an award in Washington DC, and both Schuster and Knorr won Best Delegate awards in Montreal.

According to Schuster, "The team owes a lot to [Government] professor Carlos Yordan for all of his help." This was also the first year that Yordan was the Hamilton Model U.N.'s faculty advisor, and he proved to be a great help to the team. Hopefully, next year will be as good as this past one for Hamilton's Model U.N.

Habitat for Humanity finds a home at Hamilton

Collaboration planned with Oneida HFH in upcoming "Blitz Builds"

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER



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The Oneida County chapter of Habitat for Humanity built this house for a family in West Utica with the help of several Utica-area Rotary Clubs.

In the spirit of "house-building, hope-building work," as the Oneida County Habitat For Humanity (HFH) terms it, Hamilton's HFH Chapter has commenced efforts to help strengthen the foundation of student volunteering in the surrounding communities.

"Habitat for Humanity's overarching mission is to eliminate sub-standard housing from the face of the earth," Hamilton Chapter President Nate Stell '04 says. He explains, however, that it is not simply the "give-away" program that many people commonly misperceive it as.

Candidates for a Habitat house go through a rigorous screening process, meet specific requirements in terms of income, and also invest a certain number of hours of work, called "sweat equity," into their own and others' houses.

Since it was founded in 1976 by Millard and Linda Fuller, HFH has built more than 125,000 houses across the world, including approximately 45,000 in the United States, according to the HFH International website (www.habitat.org).

The houses that HFH rehabilitates and/or builds with the help of donated materials and volunteer labor are then sold to approved families at "no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans."

The website also mentions that "homeowners' monthly mortgage payments are used to build still more Habitat houses."

The efforts of the Hamilton HFH Chapter were slow going and sparse in the beginning, but with a strong new executive board in place this semester, the chapter hopes to build a long-lasting base for continuing student involvement.

Josh Conklin '01 was formerly in charge of the Hamilton HFH Chapter, originally a smaller operation essentially involved in funneling student volunteers through the Oneida County Chapter of HFH to work on building houses, which meant that the Hamilton Chapter was only sending people out to Habitat sites in the spring and early fall.

Upon Conklin's graduation, Stell took over planning and organization of the chapter. Having spent the first semester of freshman year working in the office of his local HFH affiliate in Worcester, MA and frequently volunteering on sites, Stell was happy to take the helm of the Hamilton Chapter. Stell says, "I wanted to use this organization to get people more involved in their community, because I think that Hamilton has a lot of resources, human and otherwise."

This year, the Hamilton HFH instituted an executive board to organize its activities, which include weekly meetings, addressing current projects and other issues such as fundraising.

The executive board is composed of five positions - a president, vice president, building coordinator, fundraising chair, and PR chair.

Building Coordinator Alexis

*see **HFH**, page 14*

This Week In Hamilton History

20 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1983

Stranger Frightens Dunham Residents

On Tuesday night, April 5th, a woman was followed into Dunham dormitory by a stranger, who then fled the scene. A participant in the campus-wide KAOS competition, the woman originally thought the man was a fellow student pursuing her for the "kill." However, his sudden departure and reports of similar disturbances across the hill led her to suspect more sinister circumstances.

Three other incidents of a related nature occurred between Wednesday and Friday nights in Dunham, and witnesses' reports have led campus safety officers to believe that all of the incidents can be traced to one man. Dean of Students Jane Jervis admitted that this is an "unfortunate circumstance," but hastened to add that "extra security has been posted and the local police have been notified."

The most serious of the recent events took place on Thursday. During mid-afternoon, a female student passed a strange man in the second floor hallway on her way to the shower. She first assumed the man was a maintenance worker, but once she entered the shower, she heard someone enter the bathroom. Curious, she glanced beyond the curtain, and saw the same man standing in the middle of the room. Anxious to finish her shower, the woman then donned a robe and stepped into the bathroom, only to notice the water running in another stall. She pulled back the curtain to see the man, fully clothed, standing under the stream of water. Apparently frightened, the man ran for the door with the student, perhaps unwisely, in hot pursuit. According to the woman, the man then turned, grabbed her wrists, clamped a hand over her mouth and smiled. She managed to struggle free and scream for help, causing the man to flee the building.

Dunham RAs and advisors have hung posters throughout the dorm, which include phone numbers that students can call to report any suspicious activity. Any students with information relating to this string of incidents are advised to contact campus safety immediately.

23 YEARS AGO
April 19, 1981

DKE Almost Blows Campus Sky High

Several members of the DKE fraternity were chastised by the administration this week for nearly destroying a good portion of the north side of campus. Several brothers climbed onto the roof of their building early Sunday morning to allegedly "watch the sun rise" when one careless member accidentally dropped a large concrete cinder block on top of a nearby propane tank.

The tank, conveniently located next to the site of a rather large bonfire, sprung a leak and began to leach propane gas into the air. If it hadn't been for the quick action of the Clinton Fire Department, called to campus to contain the bonfire, the leak might have gone unnoticed, taking a large chunk of the "light-side" with it to a fiery doom.

30 YEARS AGO
April 20, 1973

Editorial: Spec Urges Legalization of Marijuana

The recent arrest of a Hamilton student for the sale and distribution of marijuana dramatically points to the harsh consequences for those who use marijuana, and serves to illustrate the irrationality of the present marijuana laws. While the Spectator cannot condone the violation of a law, we nevertheless believe that the laws governing the use of marijuana are ill-founded and anachronistic. We therefore urge the legalization of marijuana.

Just how disagreeable to society is the drug in question? Perhaps a comparison of the effects of the drug with the social effects of alcohol will put marijuana in a proper perspective. First, alcohol is a factor in almost one-half of the 60,000 highway deaths occurring every year in America. In addition, one-half of all homicides and one-fourth of all suicides are alcohol-related. By even the most conservative estimates, marijuana has caused only a fraction of the social pain of alcohol. Yet marijuana remains illegal.

Obviously, the laws on the books are not working. Considering the evidence, we find current marijuana laws unjustifiable, and urge their repeal.

Compiled by Dan Bleeker '06

The *Spectator* Local Eatery Review:

The Acropolis offers an authentic taste of Athens in Utica

by James P. Du Vernay '03
SENIOR FEATURES EDITOR

Seniors looking forward to celebrating graduation weekend with the parents should keep Utica's Acropolis Greek Restaurant in mind; anyone looking for authentic and hearty Greek fare will certainly find it there. Although slightly expensive, The Acropolis delivers excellent value for the money, with generous portions and a great atmosphere.

The inside décor compliments the rather small dining room quite well. Soft light from the chandeliers overhead and rustic wood paneling mix with the colorful framed portraits of famous Greek locales. Apart from a few too many decorations, the room has a comfortable, homey feel to it. Soft Greek bouzouki music plays in the background at a comfortable volume.

The authentic and traditional menu offers a nice array of delicious Greek specialties, beginning with a number of delicious appetizers. The simple but tasty pita bread with tzatziki (yogurt and garlic) dip is quite good, as are the caviar and the eggplant dips. For a taste of these and the other fine appetizers, the Greek antipasto ($9.25) offers enough to feed two or more people. The antipasto also includes good dolmathes (stuffed grape leaves), and kasseri and feta cheeses. The black olives, a staple of Greek cuisine, were fresh and tasty.

The homemade Avgolemono soup also stands out on the appetizer menu. This traditional soup is built from a simple base of chicken broth and rice, and is topped with an intriguing froth of lemon juice and egg.

In terms of main courses, the menu features good, hearty Greek dishes. Served with rice and vegetables, many entrées are large enough and filling enough to share. In particular, the combination platter ($14.25) provides a satisfying taste of three traditional specialties: pastitsio, mousaka, and lamb souvlaki, plus a fresh Greek salad. It also comes with a distinctive green bean salad with a slightly sweet tomato sauce.

Each of these dishes can be ordered separately as well. The excellent lamb souvlaki was tender and flavorful while the pastitsio, or Greek lasagna, was also quite good, and had a surprising lightness to it.

The wise patron will also want to save room for dessert. The Acropolis bakes a number of its own Greek deserts, including honey-drenched baklava and rice pudding topped with ground cinnamon. In addition, the almond cake deserves a try, but the custard-filled filo pastry proved blandly disappointing.

The Acropolis also offers a take-out menu available Monday-Thursday.

On a recent Saturday evening, the restaurant filled up quickly with a mix of couples and families as the dinner hour progressed. The atmosphere was animated and lively without being loud and boisterous.

Overall, the service was attentive and friendly, and quite willing (and accustomed, one assumes) to package any leftovers. True to Greek custom, the staff did not rush patrons through the meal but allowed them to linger in conversation after dinner was over.

Owner and chef Spiros Buas has been in the restaurant business for about ten years since leaving his native Corfu, Greece. Buas is joined by his wife who serves as the hostess.

The Acropolis is located on 621 James St. in Utica, at the intersection of St. Vincent and James St. It can be reached from campus in 15-20 minutes. The restaurant opens for lunch and dinner Monday-Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., as well as Saturday from 4:00p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PHOTO BY JAMES P. DU VERNAY '03

The Acropolis's comfortable interior provides the perfect setting for enjoying scrumptious souvlaki.

PHOTO BY THERESA L. ST. JOHN '03

The *Spectator*'s intrepid restaurant reviewer readies himself for his latest culinary challenge.

HFH of H plans to build house in West Utica

*from **HFH**, page 13*

of the danger of a relatively new organization beginning well only to fade away when the organizers leave campus or graduate, Stell says of the executive board's goals, "We want to come up with some consistent events that people can rely on every year that will become institutionalized, like the AIDS walk or the ASB Silent Auction. Those are just staples of campus life, and we are trying to forge our own identity to make sure this organization stays around for the long haul."

Hamilton's own HFH Chapter works in conjunction with the Oneida County HFH on house building, in addition to independent building and repair and maintenance work for a number of local organizations. Past projects have included painting, small repairs and cleanup at such organizations as Elder Life, The United Cerebral Palsy Center, and the Utica Boys and Girls Club.

The Hamilton HFH Chapter sends volunteers out to different sites approximately every other week. They would like to have send volunteers every week, but the challenges of getting in contact with organizations and rounding up volunteers have made this impossible thus far.

The Oneida County HFH currently has two house buildings planned for this year, one of which will be built in a matter of days in an upcoming "Blitz Build."

The proposed building schedule for the Habitat house at 1015 Steuben St. in Utica spans a period of two weeks, from April 21 until May 4, with the "Blitz Build" taking place April 25-27 from 8 am to 8 pm on Friday and Saturday, and from 8 am to 5 pm on Sunday.

The Hamilton HFH will be sending volunteers to participate in the "Blitz Build" in various shifts. Stell says, "We'll be taking people for as long as they want to stay," adding that the approximate durations of shifts will be 8 am until 1 pm, and 1 pm until 8 pm, or whenever people need to leave.

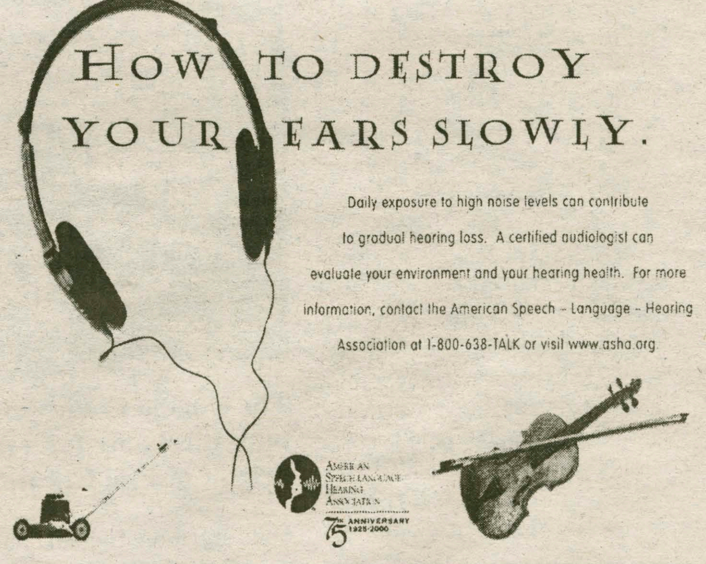
Anyone interested in upcoming volunteer opportunities with Hamilton's HFH can contact Stell, Faraci, or any other member of the executive board, including Vice President Heather Shapiro '05, PR Chair Alexis Ribak '04, or Fundraising Chair Catherine Garrison '05. All-campus emails will also announce projects.

In addition, for anyone interested in joining the executive board, there will be openings in the future due to students studying abroad.

Faraci praises the many positive aspects that she finds in volunteering with HFH, saying, "It provides an outlet outside of campus, an opportunity to interact with people you don't usually get to talk to, a change of pace... and it does make you feel good!" She also adds that HFH can afford a possible solution to the closed-in feeling of the "Hamilton bubble."

Stell echoes the same sentiments: "I love it when we're actually working on the sites; that's what really gets people into the organization: hands on experience. They get to hammer or paint, activities that are fun in themselves, and when it's coupled with the knowledge that you're doing this to benefit others, who haven't had it so fortunate as yourself, it's a really fulfilling feeling."

Hamilton HFH harbors the hope that students will become involved and form a habit of volunteering, so that they will continue in that same spirit beyond their time at Hamilton.



Correction:

(4/4/03) The article entitled "Colder than Clinton" contained several journal entries that were miscredited to Sarah Doane and Emily Contantine. The entries were actually written by Sarah Draucker. Features apologizes for any confusion resulting from this error.

- Features Ed.

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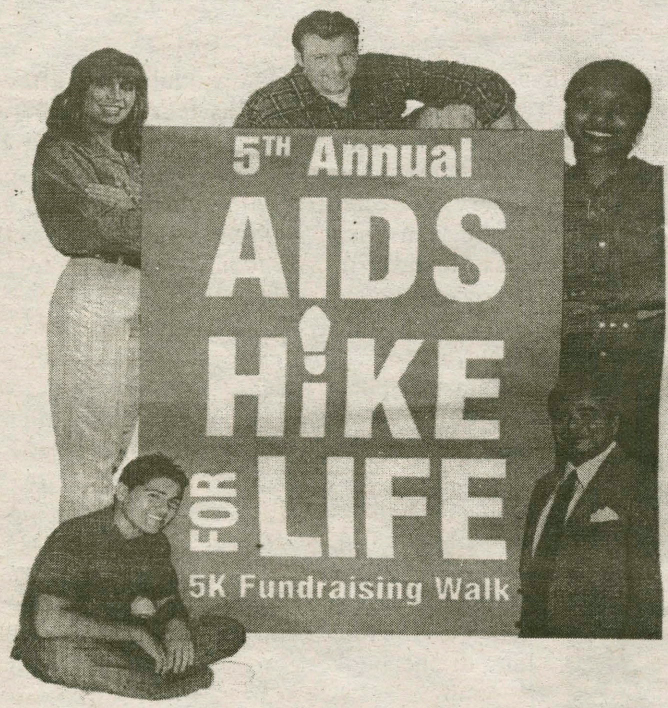

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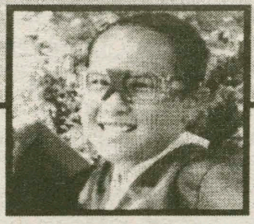

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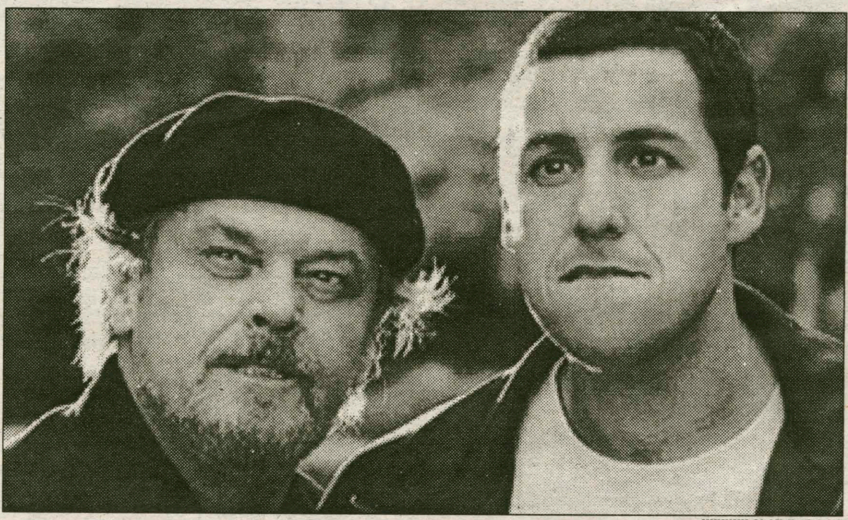
Movie News: *Anger Management* and *Adaptations*

Brian Sweeney '06 tells you what's going down in Tinseltown

Today will see the opening of *Anger Management*, a comedy starring Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler. The director, Peter Segal, is also responsible for *Tommy Boy*, *My Fellow Americans* and other movies of the same type; so expect the same tone with this movie. Such a role may seem like a step down for Nicholson, but seeing him do this type of comedy might be worth the video tape rental one snowy night a while down the line.

The London Times reported this past Saturday that Sam Mendes, director of *American Beauty* and *Road to Perdition*, is interested in directing the upcoming adaptation of Phillip Pullman's fantasy trilogy: His Dark Materials. New Line Cinema bought the rights to the story right after December of 2001. They then hired Tom Stoppard, writer of "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" and *Shakespeare in Love*, to write the screenplays. The books are fairly popular and deserve this type of treatment. The combination of Mendes and Stoppard would be wonderful; hopefully New Line recognizes the opportunity. If you have not read or heard of the books you should go and find a copy. Based loosely upon Milton's *Paradise Lost* (the trilogy gets its title from it as well) they deal with a young girl, Lyra, who lives in a parallel yet similar world. Throughout the trilogy she travels between worlds, as around her, a group of people from her world and others attempt to launch an assault upon heaven. It goes without saying that the success of the adaptation will depend upon the ability of the resulting press for the books to inspire bored *Harry Potter* book burners to find a whole new set of paper to add to the flames.



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The Battle for Hollywood: Sandler vs. Nicholson. No matter who wins, it will be a fight to the death, with hilarious results. Check out *Anger Management* at Sangertown this weekend.

Terry Jones of *Monty Python* has recently revealed that he is currently working on a screenplay adaptation of Roald Dahl's *The BFG*. He has also stated that he will direct the film. What I am not sure of is who is producing the film and what kind of a release and budget it will receive. I would think that, if he got the rights to the book, he has the backing of somebody with a lot of money. Jones isn't well known for much outside of his Monty Python connection, though he is very connected to the film business. He did write the screenplay for Jim Henson's *Labyrinth*, one of the many puppet-related (well in this case, muppet) movies that scared the hell out of me as a child. So, it looks like Jones is a great match for the job; fans of the book be happy.

Although this may not have to do with the movies, *Six Feet Under* and *The Sopranos* are two television series that are better than most movies that you will see. This season *Six Feet Under* saw Kathy Bates join the cast after having served as director for certain episodes over the past few seasons. And now Steve Buscemi has decided to do the same thing with *The Sopranos*. "Variety" is reporting that Buscemi will play a recurring role in the fifth season, which is now underway after last months legal battle between James Gandolfini and HBO was settled. Buscemi served as director previously, being responsible for the third season's funniest episode: "The Pine Barrens".

And finally a bit of sad news: actor Michael Jeter recently passed away. Many may not recognize the name but would recognize his face. He appeared in such films as *The Fisher King*, *Mousehunt*, *Waterworld*, *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas*, *Jurassic Park III*, and *The Green Mile*. He recently began working on *Sesame Street*, playing Mr. Noodles. Just before his death, he was completing work on a role in the Robert Zemeckis film, *The Polar Express* with co-star Tom Hanks. The good news is that this week Zemeckis announced that they had enough footage to keep Jeter in the film. What's unfortunate is that his onscreen presence was becoming more and more noteworthy, and as a result he was being offered more work. Hopefully Zemeckis is able to create something worth having been in. Jeter was 51 years old.

White Stripes Release New Album

Doug Lambert '06 earns his stripes with this article

Well they're back, and they're packing bombastic musical prowess. "I'm gonna fight 'em off, a seven nation army couldn't hold me back," lead singer Jack White declares on the opening track, "Seven Nation Army", off "The White Stripes" latest album, entitled "Elephant". Meg White's vicious drumming and Jacks roaring slide guitar in this song make them sound convincingly capable of taking on an army.

"Elephant" is a badass mother of an album. The amplifiers have been turned up, as if that's possible after the angst of their last album, bass guitar and keyboards spice things up and Meg White has finally fully embraced her simple, yet heart-stopping drumming technique that makes their live show so damn good. They sound more comfortable, less indie and fully armed.

After the critical love that surrounded their previous album, "White Blood Cells", "The Stripes" were up there with friends "The Strokes" as one of the most hyped rock acts currently and musically "on the lamb." They had a heavy load of pressure to deliver the goods. And deliver they did. Although, anyone that listened to their previous albums would be aware that a complete flop of an album would have been highly improbable. They're a great band, incapable of delivering a stinky product.

After the last album, Jack's distaste for the press made them somewhat of an enigma for many tickled listeners. There was a good span of time during which he'd convinced the public that he and Meg were brother and sister. They're actually a divorced couple that used to own a furniture shop together back home in Detroit.

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Though they may look and dress like Micheal Jackson, they aren't.

Despite the disclosure of their little secret, there's still plenty of intrigue to this latest effort. The song titles are more desperate than ever, like the eerily sparse number entitled, "In the Cold, Cold, Night," in which Meg makes her singing debut, sounding remarkably like country pop legend Dusty Springfield. In "There's No Home For You Here, Girl," Jack finger licks a chord progression that you'd swear was the same as one of their previous album's singles, entitled "Dead Leaves and the Dirty Ground"; It happened to have been one of the best tracks off White Blood Cells.

But that's the nature of this new beast. The Stripes have learned what they do best, and they have embraced it. "Elephant" strays not from their particular path, but has hints of what's to come from this dynamic duo. The spastic soloing in the middle of "Girl, You Have No Faith in Medicine," sounds like the early soloing of "The Who's" (now unlawful) Pete Townsend. But their biggest influence has been, and still is, the fabulous "Led Zeppelin". While their last album reeked of the angrier Zeppelin song influences, and the album before that, entitled "De Stijl," embraced the poppier moments of "Zeppelin", "Elephant" tackles the vicious blues that Jimmy Page and John Bodham were famous for churning out. "Ball and Biscuit" is a seven-and-a-half-minute, gritty blues number reminiscent of "Zeppelin's" "Since I've Been Loving you" and "The Lemon Song."

"The Stripes" continue what they began on "White Blood Cells", and that's to define their own unique sound. "De Stijl" was entirely too derivative to be considered great. It was part "Zeppelin", part "Rolling Stones" and only a hint of what is now the kick-ass sound of "The White Stripes". "White Blood Cells" was bolder, more original, but sloppier. On "Elephant," the duo really begins to define what has become the head-banging sound of "The White Stripes". People will like what they hear. Rating: A

Junior/Senior Recital This Saturday

Blake Erb '05 talks to the stars of the show just for you

The halls of Wellin will come alive with the sound of music this Saturday, April 12 at 7pm when Elizabeth Padin, Darcy Crum and Julia Berger show off their vocal abilities in a Junior/Senior vocal recital presented by the Department of Music.

Elizabeth Padin, a Hamilton College senior communication studies major, has been singing since she was four years old. During her tenure, at Hamilton she has sung in the Hamilton College Choir, Tumbling After, College Hill Singers and Oratorio Society. Padin will be singing 12 pieces, including works composed by Brahns, Rossini, Cimara, Obradors, Del Tredici and Bri. Padin has been working on and preparing these pieces for two years in anticipation of a recital on the hill. Padin remarked on her selections, "There are Spanish and German pieces because I have Spanish and German ancestry. Lots of these pieces are folk songs that I like to sing."

Darcy Crum, a Hamilton College junior music major, is also performing a wide variety of pieces. Crum will be doing pieces by Gluck, Hugo Wolf and American contemporaries, Lee Hoiby and Rich Hundley. Crum has been planning and preparing her pieces since last spring. When asked about how she selected her pieces, Crum responded, "People in the music department gave us suggestions on what types of composers and pieces we should have. Then, I picked my own composers and the pieces of theirs that I wanted to do." Avid fans of Darcy Crum can also see her perform for the Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers. Crum also plans on conducting pieces next year as part of her senior project for her music major.

Last but definitely not least, Julia Berger, also a Hamilton College junior music major, will be rounding out this tantalizing trio. Berger will be singing pieces composed by Mozart, Donizetti, Debussy and pieces by American contemporaries, Ernest Charles, John Carpenter and Ernst Bacon. Berger said, "I've never done a French piece before so that's why I'm doing pieces by Debussy." Berger also performs in the Hamilton College Choir and College Hill Singers alongside Crum. Besides being able to show off their vocal talents, this recital will prepare Crum and Berger for the senior recitals that they plan on doing next year. A senior recital is required of music majors studying in Solo Performance.

All three ladies promise that the show will be a must-see. The recital will feature many different languages, composers, styles, etc. Berger remarked, "The program has a wide range of music. It should make it [the recital] very interesting for the audience. You want to have a variety of languages in a recital." Padin, keeping her fellow seniors in mind, said, "It is also possible to attend the recital as well as attending the senior formal. The recital will only be about an hour and a half long."

The recital will promptly begin at 7pm in Wellin Hall and is free admission for anyone who wishes to attend. Each singer will sing for approximately thirty minutes and there will be no intermissions. All members of the Hamilton community are invited to attend this recital to have their mind, body and soul enveloped with the sweet, sweet vocal sounds of these three talented females.

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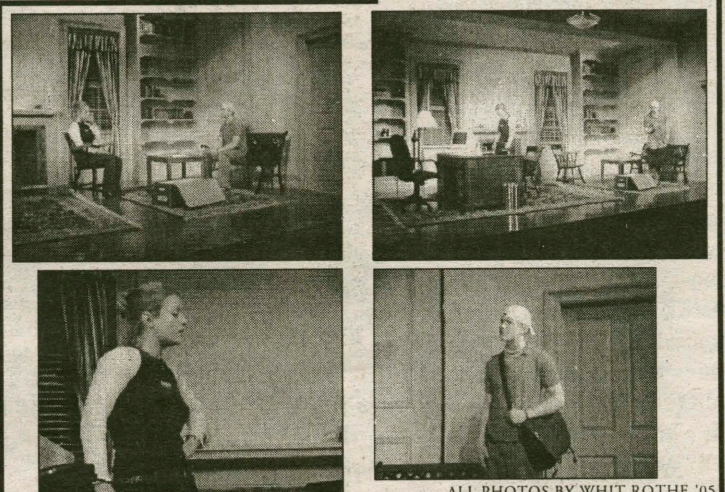

ALL PHOTOS BY WHIT ROTHE '05

A Vin Diesel Fan Apart

Sondra Conti '05 gives you the low-down on Vin's latest masterpiece

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See that girl in the front? She's about to sneeze, and her sneeze is probably more interesting and entertaining than the entire movie.

I admit it. I like Vin Diesel... for completely shallow and irrational reasons. He is unusually physically attractive and his voice is incredibly sexy. I'm ashamed to be saying this: but I know I'm not alone. His acting skills: well, lets be serious, what skills? He makes action films, and usually his looks, added to large-scale impressive explosions, half-naked women and big muscles, yield success; regardless of the undeveloped story lines and cheesy writing. Look at his previous films: *The Fast and the Furious* and *XXX*. The former was acceptable, but neither one would exactly prompt Oscar nominations. I know they were not meant to be heavy, meaningful movies, and that the world needs a little action sometimes, but they weren't exactly superior films. However, I enjoyed both of them.

Diesel's most recent film, *A Man Apart*, cannot even be saved by looks or action sequences. The trailer imparted a relatively substantive plot- line: Diesel plays a narcotics police officer whose wife gets killed, forcing him to assume the role of drug dealer in order to avenge his wife's death. It seemed as though there was a real story. And to add to that, the trailer made it look like there was underlying love theme. Plus Vin Diesel in action! I figured it would be a nice brainless Friday activity. Instead I was faced with violence, a bloodily beaten Vin Diesel, lots of corpses and a plot whose conflict was never resolved, the love story was never developed and the story was never-ending! There wasn't even a moral: or at least not one that I could pick up. I almost left in the middle of the movie. However, my curiosity as to how and when the movie would actually conclude overcame me. I still can't tell you what the point was. But there was Vin Diesel. If you could make him out underneath all that blood and gore, I'm sure it counts for something.

In other words, don't go see this movie. The action is lacking, there is a complete absence of suspense and the violence may induce vomiting. I can only compliment one aspect of this movie: the dead bodies. I have never seen such gruesome dead people on screen: or in real life, I suppose. So if you like that kind of stuff, I suppose this movie was made for you. Otherwise, there is no actual appeal for either sex and it is a complete waste of any procrastination time. I'd rather watch *General Hospital*.

LAST WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

Weekend Gross/**Total Gross**

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2. What a Girl Wants
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3. A Man Apart
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4. Head of State
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5. Bringing Down the House
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6. The Core
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9. Agent Cody Banks
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10. Piglet's Big Movie
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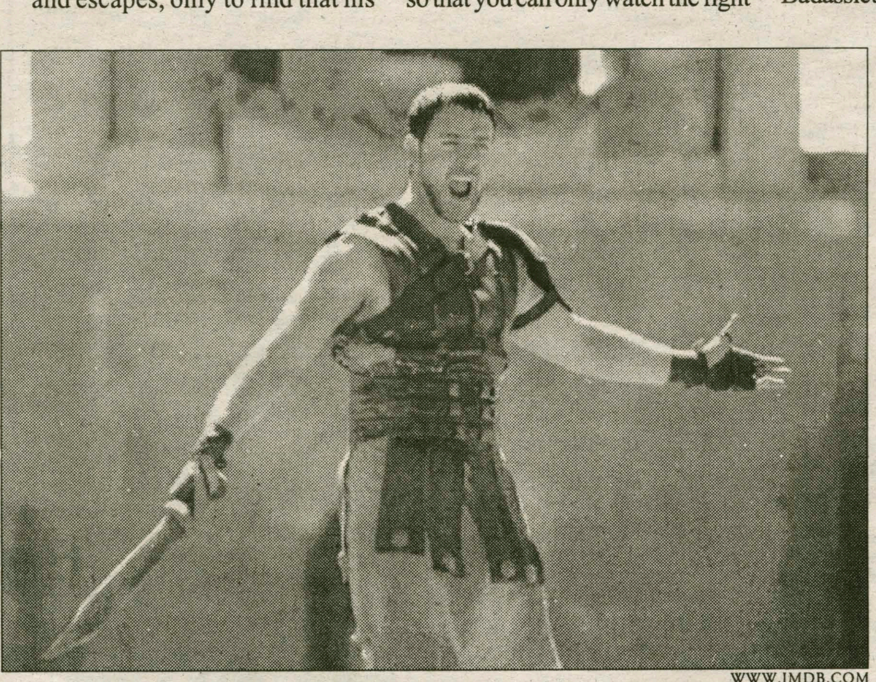
BADASS MOVIE REVIEWS: *GLADIATOR*

Tim Mudie '05 brings you another review chock full o' badassity

Gladiator is the story of the general who became a slave. The slave who became a gladiator. The gladiator who was incredibly badass. Yes, this is the winner of 2001 Academy Award for Badass, which means that not only is it chock full o' badass, but it's a good movie too! You don't see this every day, people. Russell Crowe even got the Oscar for Best Actor. Now, considering his role consisted largely of fighting tigers and killing tons of dudes, this is impressive. Sure, he did some "drama" and stuff too, but who watched that?

Russell Crowe stars as General Maximus Decimus Meridus Badassicus, a Roman general fighting the Germans under the Emperor Marcus Aurelius. The movie opens with him leading his troops into the decisive battle of the Germania campaign. And, as decisive battles tend to be, this one is incredibly bloody. Of course, the movie takes place in the second century A.D., so the fighters attack each other with axes, clubs and all sorts of other fun weapons. Shortly after the battle, Marcus Aurelius dies and Maximus is framed as his murderer, even though Joaquin Phoenix, playing Commodus, a weird guy who wants his sister, is the killer. Maximus is marked for execution, but is far too badass and escapes, only to find that his wife and child have been killed. Then he nearly dies before he becomes a gladiator. Since he is a super-badass Roman general, Maximus dominates all of the other gladiatorial candidates and eventually all of the other gladiators. And eventually, as the movie posters tell us, he defies an emperor. I, for one, am moved.



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The coffee boy regretted the day he brought Russell Crowe only one cream. He learned an important lesson: Don't mess with an armed badass.

Sure, you can watch the whole movie if you want, but is that really necessary? The DVD has scene selection that lets you skip around so that you can only watch the fight scenes. Most excellent. And the fight scenes are what make this movie. Forget about all that acting and emotions crap; it's all about people getting gored on big spikes or getting their heads cut off. In my favorite fight scene the gladiators don't just have to fight each other, but also a bunch of tigers that are in the ring with them. Growl! For my money, there is little that is more badass than tigers. You just don't mess with a tiger. Unless you're Maximus Decimus Meridus Badassicus. Then you can do whatever the hell you want. Seriously, that's one way to get some respect. If you can beat a tiger in hand-to-hand combat, no one can really ever talk smack about you again. If anybody tries to be like, "Hey Maximus! Your mom!" Maximus can just be like, "Oh yeah, well remember that time when I beat the crap out of a tiger?" That is sure to shut up even the most dedicated heckler. Yes, that scene alone made the movie for me. Sure, the decapitations were great, and the guy with a huge yak's-head mask that goes around annihilating dudes when they're fighting in Africa is sweet, but the tigers did it for me. Watch the scene; I think you'll agree.

It's not every movie that can blend actual acting and plot in with total badassery, but *Gladiator* does it with style and flair. So now I leave you so that I can go fight some tigers. In the words of Maximus: "Strength and honor and badass." This has been Badass Movie Reviews. Next week: *What a Girl Wants.*

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National Student-Athlete Day a total success

by Sue Viscomi and Heather Hoffay
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Hundreds of events around the nation marked April 6, 2003 as the 16th annual National Student-Athlete Day.

On this special day, we honor student-athletes and the network of parents, coaches, teachers, and school systems that make it possible for young people to strike a balance between academic and athletic achievement.

The day, established by the National Consortium for Academics and Sports and Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society is co-sponsored by the NCAA and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS).

On Thursday April 10th the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) co-sponsored an event with the Department of Athletics to honor Hamilton's own outstanding scholar-athletes.

A total of 28 students from each of Hamilton's varsity athletics teams were honored in The Hub at Bristol Campus Center at a special luncheon attended by the student-athletes, their coaches, and some of their favorite professors.

The recipients of the award maintain an outstanding cumulative grade point average and make a significant contribution to their team.

These 28 people truly exemplify what it means to be a successful student-athlete, and they will be profiled on posters in the athletic center lobby next week so that the community may learn more about them and how they have managed such accomplishments.

The luncheon was a great event and a terrific step in the direction of meeting one of the main goal's of SAAC, to improve communication and interaction among athletes, coaches, and professors.

Indeed, the 28 recipients of the outstanding scholar-athlete award are proof that it is possible to be dedicated and loyal to both the academic and athletic arenas.

They have displayed tremendous dedication and hard work to successfully juggle academic and athletic endeavors and deserve the admiration and congratulations of the Hamilton community for their perseverance, teamwork, self-discipline, commitment to goals, and general pursuit of excellence.

The 2003 SAAC Scholar Athlete award recipients are:

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-Women's Soccer- Chantelle Rein
-Men's Soccer- Huy Huynh
-Women's Cross-Country- Christine Campbell
-Men's Cross-Country- Andrew Matlack
-Football- Logan Pascarella
-Field Hockey- Elizabeth Southerland
-Women's Tennis- Lindsey Schantz
-Volleyball- Barb Dalgish

Winter Sports
-Women's Swimming- Elizabeth Rabe
-Men's Swimming- Jim Baker
-Women's Indoor Track- Eleni Venturas
-Men's Indoor Track- Fletcher Malcom
-Women's Ice Hockey- Nathanna Allen
-Men's Ice Hockey- Matt Harrison
-Women's Squash- Sarah Taylor
-Men's Squash- Jeff Richards
-Women's Basketball- Avery Anderson
-Men's Basketball- Joe Finley

Spring Sports
-Women's Lacrosse- Molly Plummer
-Men's Lacrosse- Grayson Walter
-Women's Outdoor Track- Andrea Stroud
-Men's Outdoor Track- Olamide Harrison
-Baseball- David Greene
-Softball- Stephanie Dunn
-Women's Crew- Shana Weinberg
-Men's Crew- Matt Baum
-Men's Tennis- John Pearson
-Golf- Tom Ferrero

Zalaski's scintillating sports ramblings

by Brett Zalaski '03
Sports Writer

As the week progressed and events occurred, it became increasingly impossible for me to write about just one subject or event in the sports world. So I ask that you, as an audience, follow fast and not question the utter randomness that you are about to go through. There really is just too much I want to say.

First of all, congratulations to the Orangemen from nearby 'Cuse. Although the last five minutes were some of the worst basketball in the entire tournament, Kansas and Syracuse proved to be the two best teams in the tournament. I must back off previous statements I have made about Carmelo Anthony as well.

If I held the first pick in the NBA Draft, as enticing as it would be to take Lebron James or Darco Milicic (something like that), the safe number one selection is 'Melo. He is difficult to stop off of the dribble, he can shoot over and around defenders, and he has plus range. He also cleaned the boards during the Final Four, and proved he has the all-around game to compete successfully at the next level.

My second topic of conversation from the Final Four will be to justify, not that it needs it, the behavior of Roy Williams while being interviewed by Bonnie Bernstein. People assume that good journalism means that you have to ask the tough questions all the time. I do not agree with that at all. You ask the tough question when you have a chance at getting an answer. There was no possible way Roy Williams was going to answer that question at that time. He was not going to say, "Well, yeah, obviously I'm going to take the UNC job, thanks for asking, Bonnie."

At the time of his most difficult defeat, when he's losing two of his all-time favorite players, it is just not appropriate to ask that question, not to mention ask it again 10 seconds after being shot down. Roy Williams did the right thing by maintaining his cool, outside of the s-bomb, and walking away. Wherever he is and whatever blue he dons next year, I will be a UCONN fan first, and a Roy Williams-for-NCAA title fan second. He is one of the all-time best coaches, and one of the all-time classiest people.

Second on my list for people I would like to applaud is Hootie Johnson. While I truly have never taken sides on the Martha Burk in Augusta story, I thought Hootie handled himself with class and was very well spoken in his press conference on Wednesday. He came across not as anti-female, but as a man who wanted to just hang out with other men. That really is not a crime. Augusta National is a private institution, and thus has the right to do whatever they want in terms of accepting or not accepting members.

Hootie told a story that did actually seem to make sense, in which he described how his daughters and wife went to their beach cottage without telling him, or his daughters' husbands. Their response upon their return was that they just wanted a little time with the ladies. Martha Burk, like many thousands of men, had her application rejected. And, after seeing how she handled her rejection, I'm not sure I'd want Martha Burk in whatever group I'm joining either. Her problem is that she did not take this more personally. She took this as a shot to females all over the world, as opposed to people really just saying that they did not like her.

It harkens back to the kid with the ball theory from our playground days: he who has the ball can decide who can and cannot play. Hootie, as well as the rest of the members of Augusta National, decided, simply, that they did not want Martha playing with them. There's four square near the jungle gym, Martha, and they let everyone play.Finally, for everyone who has not come around yet, Tracy McGrady is BY FAR the best player in the NBA right now. I did not need one of his off-the-backboard dunks to prove this to me, although that was really, really sweet. With the possible, possible exception of Tim Duncan, although he does have Steve Smith, Tony Parker, and David Robinson, there is no person more valuable to his team.

If you took McGrady off the Magic they would be really bad. Not Golden St. Warrior pretty bad, they would be Cleveland Cavalier really bad. Outside of Drew Gooden, a rookie, they have no one who can consistently score without the attention put on McGrady. McGrady scores and scores with style. He dishes, he rebounds, and he locks up. He goes around people, he shoots over people, and he shoots and dunks through people. He is unstoppable.

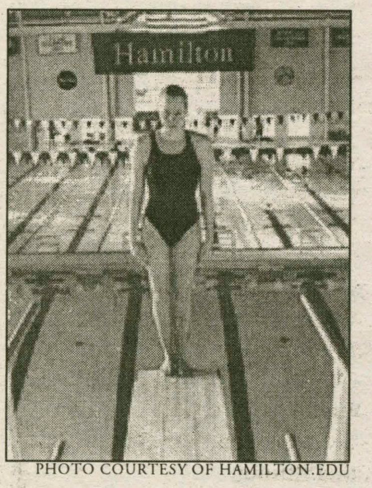
For the first time since Jordan, Bird, and Magic were all doing their thing, I enjoy watching someone play at the NBA level. To me, Vince Carter was always a Michael Jordan poser, and while Kobe may be the next MJ, he's just not as exciting and does not have the ability to carry a team (proved in Shaq's absence) that Tracy does.

What's exciting is, with super talents like Carmelo Anthony and LeBron James coming into the league, and mega-stars like Shaq-fu, McGrady, Nowitzki, Nash, and Kobe already there, the building blocks for an NBA resurgence are in the making. With the right marketing, and continued production from its money players, in five years the NBA could be what the NCAA is right now: bankable.

Athletes of the Winter: Kashner and Finley

by Paul P. Jones '03
Sports Writer

This week *The Spectator* would like to honor the 2002-03 Winter Athletes of the Year. Cady Kashner '04 and Joe Finley '03 both earned first-team All-American honors this winter. Finley is the 12th Continental in school history to earn All-American honors in Basketball. Hamilton diver Cady Kashner is the second woman in school history (Maggie Hanson '02 was the first in track) to win an individual national championship.



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Name: Cady Kashner '03
Nicknames: Kashmoney
Major: Asian Studies
Hometown: Plantation, FL
Athletic accolades for 2002-03: 2x All-American, 1st in 1M Dive, 7th in the 3M Dive. Broke our 2 pool records in the last home meet of the year and was second in both events at NESCACS.
Next year: This summer I plan to live in China and hopefully work at the Women's World Cup in the Fall.
Did you expect to be an All-American: It was my goal.
Toughest opponent: Williams
Most memorable meet over the last 4 years: At NESCACS this year I did well and it was fun to be with the whole women's swim team. Watching them do well was very satisfying.
Favorite Coach TJ Davisism: "Hammer It!"
Favorite professor: Ann Frechette
Any regrets about your career: I don't regret going abroad and taking sophomore year off, but I wish I had more time with my teammates.
What would you say to someone if they double dipped a chip: Great, go for it.
In your two months of not shaving body hair, who got the hairiest on the girls team: I don't want to mention any names but a few girls looked like wild Guerillas. Did I mention that the swimming team pees in the pool as well?
What was the feeling when you realized you had won: I couldn't believe it. I felt like everyone was struggling that day and I had the meet of my life. I saw my opportunity and decided to go for it.
Favorite dance-team member over the past 4 years: Hannah Friedberg - best dancer, she's got the moves!
How did you get into diving, did you just fall in *head first*: I had a diving board in my backyard when I was growing up and was dancing at the same time. I started to dive competitively and the two activities complement each other.
Ideal springtime Friday afternoon: Slip and slide at Rogers.
Who wins in a fight, the fencing team or the juggling team: The Juggling team. Captain Dave Waters lives in my dorm in Saunders and he is NASTY.
One thing you haven't done at Hamilton you need to do before graduation: When the birds start chirping I want to streak campus.
First thing you're going to do as athlete of the Winter: Get naked.

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Name: Joe Finley '03
Nickname: Gort
Major: Economics
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY
Athletic accolades for the 2002-03 season: 1st-team All-America, NABC EAST POY(player of the year), ECAC POY, UCAA POY, 4th all-time points scored for Hamilton in a single season (616) and a SAAC academic award winner.
Family: 5 brothers, 1 is in the NYPD, one in the FDNY and I also have a sister.
Next year: I would like to coach basketball as a graduate assistant at a solid academic school or play pro ball in England. Coach Murphy is talking to people over there for me.
How you found out you were an All-American: My mom called me when I was on Spring Break in Cancun.
Did you expect to be an All-American: I thought after the game against St. John Fischer I could earn it. I had no clue I would be selected first team though.
Toughest individual opponent: Joe Corbett from Hobart. We played against each other for four years, by our Senior years we both knew exactly what the other was going to do.
Favorite Coach Murphism: "Jesus Christ Noah (Hammond '02)." Its funnier because he's Jewish.
Joe Smith, an All-American next year: If the team wins a few NCAA Tournament games, he certainly has the talent. Like I've said before, best college basketball player at any level... with braces.
What is it like to be a black hole: Well Yanni likes to think I'm a black hole, but I lead the team in field goal percentage. Hey, it could be worse.
What would you say to someone if they double dipped a chip: As long as there is proper rotation of the chip it is OK with me.
Favorite dance-team member over the past 4 years: Liz Dolan '05 and Ali Suchuboky '03 for obvious reasons.
Beverage of choice: That question brings back painful memories. I used to drink about 8 cups of red stuff at commons every meal.
Ideal springtime Friday afternoon: A cooler full of beer and wiffle ball at G-Road.
Who wins in a fight, the fencing team or the juggling team: If the juggling team juggles heavy stuff, I would give it to them based on their ability for an aerial attack.
One thing you haven't done at Hamilton that you need to do before graduation: Make the Dean's List. I missed it by 1/2 a point last semester.

The Sports Editors apologize for the misplaced photograph in last week's issue. The photo appearing within the women's lacrosse article was of men's lacrosse player Chad Holtzman '06.

Pair of men's lacrosse games go down to wire

by Dave Cost '03
Sports Writer

The Hamilton Men's Lacrosse team entered its toughest week of league play after a loss to nationally ranked RPI. Hamilton needed to prove just how good of a team it was, and by the end of this week, people across the country could flip open their newspapers and see Hamilton in the national poll.

After winter fought to stay a little longer, Hamilton had to move its game at ninth ranked St. Lawrence to Sunday. Although the team had a long week to prepare for the Saints, most of the time was spent indoors; to venture to Canton on a Sunday and win would not be easy. Despite this adversity, head coach Gene McCabe told his team, "I have never felt more confidently prepared for a game ever at Hamilton."

The first quarter of the game at St. Lawrence did not echo his confidence. St. Lawrence came out and took sixteen shots, while the Continentals only had the ball for three possessions the entire first quarter. The defense played well, anchored by the play of goalie Jason Mleczko '03, and only held the Saints to two goals, but the offense could not seem to get it going.

In the second quarter, the Conts settled down and adjusted to the pressure defense St. Lawrence was appplying. Matt Silverio '03 got Hamilton on the scoreboard just 40 seconds into the second quarter, and then tied the score at 2-2 on a man-up goal on an assist from Geiger. The Saints struck back scoring a quick goal after the tie, but Silverio scooped up a loose ball for his third goal of the game. The shifty Jimmy Henry '05 dodged a Saint defenseman for an unassisted goal, giving Hamilton the lead. Hamilton went into the half with both a 5-4 lead, and the momentum.

Hamilton roared out of the gates into the second half. Captain Sean Lackaye '03 buried a shot for a 6-4 lead. Silverio got his thirtieth goal of the season to make it 7-4, and Bryan St. John '03 added a man-up goal to give Hamilton an 8-4 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The offense built the lead from the crippling defense that frustrated the Saints.

However, St. Lawrence would not give up without a fight. The Saints scored two straight goals, pulling them to within two at 8-6. Yet, sensing the urgency, Henry found Geiger for a quick stick goal to make it 9-6.

The Saints rallied for two quick goals to make the score 9-8 with 30 seconds remaining. St. Lawrence won the ensuing face-off, but the defense, helped by smart play from defensive middy Robbie Wang '05, finished the job, and gave Hamilton the upset over St. Lawrence.

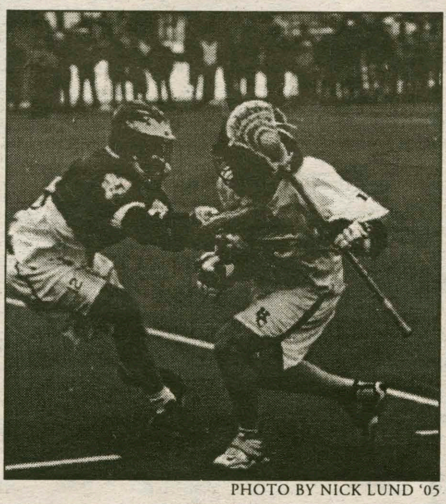

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Scott Cohen (15) blows past a nagging Clarkson defender.

Captain Andy Laskowski '04 told his team, "this win is good, but it means absolutely nothing unless we beat Clarkson."

The Golden Knights, ranked seventeenth nationally, collided with the Continentals on Wednesday for another tough league game, with Hamilton emerging victorious yet again.

Hamilton got off to a slow start once again allowing Clarkson to score on two unsettled situations, giving them an early 2-0 lead.

Once again it was the defense that stepped up and helped keep Hamilton in the game in the early going. This time Hamilton responded earlier. First Geiger scored, followed by Silverio, and Henry who closed out the period,, giving Hamilton a 3-2 lead after one quarter.

The defensive battle raged on, as Sambazis, Spilios and Gifis shut down the Clarkson offense.

Then the defense helped the offense as Mleczko made a save, threw a strike to Laskowski, who then dished it to Geiger for his second goal of the day. Mleczko shut out Clarkson for the second quarter and Hamilton had a 4-2 lead at halftime.

Sambazis remarked, "That was the best defense we've played ever. We owned their attackmen."

Clarkson broke the ice in the third quarter by scoring first and making the score 4-3. Silverio responded by scoring twice for the Continentals, giving Hamilton a 6-3 lead midway through the third quarter.

Yet, Clarkson rallied, and scored two quick goals at the end of the third to make it 6-5, and took the momentum coming into the fourth.

Jack Newton '06, subbed in at attack for an injured Silverio, stepped up and scored that goal with 3:45 remaining, giving Hamilton a 7-5 lead.

Clarkson would not go quietly; they scored with just 36 seconds remaining making the score 7-6. Much like St. Lawrence, Clarkson won the proceeding face-off, then ripped a shot that flew high and wide over Mleczko's shoulder. The Golden Knights took one more shot, which Mleczko denied and held onto as Hamilton won its second straight game over a ranked opponent.

Not even the starter at the beginning of the season, Mleczko has now emerged to be named UCAA Goalie of the Week with 34 saves in two games.

He credits his defense with great play, saying, "the defense plays like a family out there, and together we win these games."

Thus far this season, the difference for the Conts has been the team unity. Gene McCabe remarked, "I have never been so proud to be the coach of [Hamilton]. They win with heart, hustle, and they win together. There is a deep commitment top to bottom."

Indeed, Hamilton is playing well right now, finding ways to win and doing so with a lot of heart. This is a team that does not give up.

Hamilton is back in action this Saturday, Senior Day, at 2 o'clock on the turf against Vassar College.

Just pouring more citrus in my wounds

by Chris Preston '03
Sports Writer

The following article was not written by choice, but rather as compensation for losing a foolish bet. Preston's Law: never bet against a team you don't want to win because they always will, and never use an article as a betting chip.

There are times in every man's life at which he must swallow his pride and do something that goes completely against everything for which he stands. For me, one of those times is now. But before I proceed in doing so, I must make one thing clear: I am not a Syracuse fan. I've never been a Syracuse fan, I never will be a Syracuse fan and rather than jump on the bandwagon like most CNY'ers did this March (including the aforementioned student with whom I made this stupid bet) my dislike for the Orange has only increased with each big 'Cuse win.

Sadly, I remained a devout Virginia basketball fan throughout the season, cheering at the top of my lungs every game only to endure a seven-game losing streak, losses to Ohio (that's Ohio U., not State), Clemson (twice) and worst of all, our instate rival, the supposedly inferior Virginia Tech Hokies. For the fifth time in six years, my Cavs failed to make the Big Dance. So, not having my beloved Wahoos in the tourney yet again, I had to find someone else to cheer for. Naturally, being from ACC country, I cheered for the likes of Maryland, N.C. State and Wake Forest. All three bowed out before the Elite 8. So, now who's left to cheer for, I wondered. There was Marquette, a lovable upstart facing mighty Kentucky. There was also Arizona, who, besides Kentucky, was my only other Final Four pick to survive the first three rounds. And there was also Texas, a team I had come to enjoy watching thanks to the exciting play of sophomore point guard and national player of the year T.J. Ford.

Regardless, I knew that there was one team I would not, under any circumstances, be rooting for. I was not surprised that the boys in orange had made it to the Elite 8, because frankly, they traveled a relatively easy road in getting there.

However, what I witnessed against what I thought to be a much tougher and more experienced Oklahoma team was, surprisingly, domination. The incomparable freshman Carmelo Anthony slashed through the usually stingy Sooner defense for an array of dunks, reverses and post passes to open teammates such as Hakim Warrick. Their 2-3 zone made Hollis Price and the rest of the senior-laden Oklahoma squad look silly, as they clanked three after three and continuously turned the ball over. 'Cuse won easily, 63-47.

I was still skeptical. After all, Oklahoma was a battle-wounded team not at 100 percent, and the game, again played in Albany, might as well have been played in the Carrier Dome, considering how many friggin' orange shirts were in the stands. Plus, 'Cuse's next opponents were my boys, the Ford-driven Texas squad who had swept Oklahoma during the regular season. Unless Anthony goes for 40, I thought, no way they beat the Longhorns.

Well, I was wrong; 'Melo only dropped 33...and they still won by 11! That damn zone managed to contain Ford within reason (13 assists, but only 12 points to go with four turnovers), and thanks to shot-blocking extraordinaire Jeremy McNeil, Texas' beastly center, James Thomas, never got in a groove offensively. No worries, I thought. Kansas just laid a 33-point pasting on a Marquette squad who had just taken Kentucky behind the woodshed. The Jayhawks will prevail. It's Roy Williams' time, finally...isn't it?

324 Anthony, Kueth Duany and Gerry McNamara first half three-pointers later, and I began to waver on my Kansas prediction. Syracuse was up 47-29 with about five minutes still to play in the first half! I wanted to turn the thing off. Suddenly, however, Nick Collison and Jeff Graves started to dominate the boards, swingman Keith Langford found holes in the 'Cuse zone and Kansas was within three with 17 minutes still to play. Now I knew for sure: me and Roy had them right where we wanted them.

This was when I figured those talented Syracuse youngsters would finally crumble under the pressure like normal freshmen in such a bright spotlight do. Wrong again. On the contrary, it was the Jayhawks who played young-missed free throws, turnovers, players fouling out. Before I knew it, after that amazing block by Warrick on a three I was certain would go in and send the game to overtime, all of Central New York was celebrating, including most everyone around me.

After the initial nausea and hallucinations passed, I contemplated what I had just seen, not only in the previous two hours, but in the past month. How had Jim Boeheim, my arch-nemesis, guided a team of three freshmen, one senior, and Craig Forth to a national title? How had things gone so wrong so quickly? Mostly I thought, though, how the hell am I going to write a positive article about something I so deeply despise?

I immediately realized how. While watching the 'Cuse players celebrating on the floor, and seeing Boeheim lay one on his inexplicably hot wife, I was overcome with extreme envy. Maybe I hadn't hated them all along. Perhaps I was just jealous that all my CNY friends had a team worth cheering for, a team that embodied every characteristic I could only dream of my Cavs possessing: heart, hustle, determination and Carmelo Anthony. Maybe, deep down, I liked, and was in fact rooting for, Syracuse all along. Could it be???

Nah. Go Hoos!